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46 US firms back action against H-1B rules

Forty-six US firms have filed an amicus brief backing a legal challenge to the new H-1B rules. It comes days after the Trump administration proposed to scrap the computerised lottery system to grant H-1B work visas and replace it with a wage-level-based selection process. The amicus curie states the thrust on higher wages will make it harder to hire skilled foreign workers.

Could tears have been avoided?

Onion price rise may have been controlled if country had adequate storage facilities

KUMAR VIKRAM @New Delhi

HEAVY and unseasonal rainfall in key onion-producing states has resulted in the staple's prices going north, but if two major central schemes were on track and not progressed at a snail's pace, then the country would have possibly weathered the current crisis.

Government data has revealed that in the past five years, only 34% of the sanctioned cold chain projects were completed while nearly 24% projects were cancelled.

According to the Ministry of Food Processing Industry's submission to a Parliamentary Standing Committee on demand for grants in 2020-21, of the 253 integrated cold storages sanctioned in 2015-16, only 87 were completed while 60 were cancelled. The remaining 106 cold storage projects are in progress.

But even these projects are facing delays. "Projects are delayed due to delay in obtaining statutory approvals like CLU (change of land use), CTE (consent to establish), building plan, power connection, FSSAI licence, final sanction of term loan," the ministry said.

Besides the delay in the cold storage projects, Operation Greens, a scheme for integrated development of tomato, onion and potato, has made a fitful start. A budgetary allocation of ₹500 crore was announced in the 2018-19 Budget, but only ₹5.77 crore has been spent till January this year.

Having a robust cold storage chain is critical for onions, the most market-sensitive agri-commodity known for its huge price volatility. This was stressed in a Reserve Bank of India report in 2018 titled 'A report on the study of onion value chain.'

"The lack of storage facilities is one of the prime reasons behind high volatility in onion prices. Additional storage facilities may be planned to store rabi onion (storage facilities to store at least 25% of rabi onion production need to be ensured in all major onion growing taluks)," the report said.

Why a good network of cold storage facilities is crucial is because of the nearly six-month gap between the rabi and kharif produce. Onion typically is grown three times a year. The early kharif sowing starts in July and is harvested in October. **CONTINUED ON: P9**

KABUL STEPS UP SUPPLY: P10

Price of humble potato touches ₹65 per kg

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

DON'T be surprised if your favourite samosa or aloo bonda becomes costlier. This is because, the humble potato, the second most essential item in any kitchen after onion, has become dearer. In fact, potato prices are at the highest compared to the last few years.

In most parts of Karnataka, the price of potato ranges between Rs 55 per kg and Rs 65, when compared to Rs 30-Rs 40 in the wholesale yard. Traders from the yards and officials in Hopcoms say that it is the first time in the last two years that the price of potatoes has gone beyond Rs 50. Last year, the prices in the retail market hovered around Rs 45- 50, and in the yards, it was within Rs 30.

While farmers blame the poor yield, traders attribute it to poor transportation and poor quality. However, managing the kitchen budget for homemakers has become a challenge. **P7**

Multi-specialty hospital must before starting medical college

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@ New Delhi

THE government on Saturday announced new regulations to start a medical college, making it mandatory to set up a fully functional 300-bed multi-specialty hospital for at least two years at the time of application for establishing a new medical college.

The norm is part of the "Minimum Requirements for Annual MBBS Admissions Regulations, 2020" notified by the newly-established National Medical Commission. The new norm replaces the "Minimum Standard Requirements for Medical Colleges, 1999," passed by the Medical Council of India.

The earlier regulations did not specify the period of functionality of hospitals for starting new medical colleges. As per the new norms, the beds required in various departments of the teaching hospital have also been rationalised to align with the annual student intake, teaching time to be spent in clinical specialties and the minimum clinical material required for undergraduate medical training.

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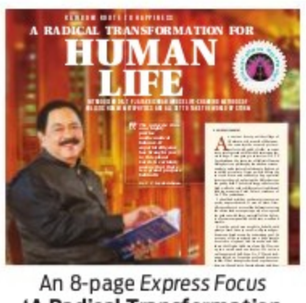

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'A Radical Transformation for Human Life'
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Where Nitish failed to deliver on promise

MUKESH RANJAN @ Muzaffarpur

IF an example of the lack of development and infrastructure in Bihar was to be witnessed, all that is required is a visit to Aurai block, hardly 30 km from the Muzaffarpur district headquarters.

Although Bihar is known for its network of concrete bridges, people living in 70 villages under the Aurai block have to make do with bamboo bridges, called 'chechri pul' in local parlance. While these bamboo bridges are the lifeline for the more than 2.5 lakh villagers, for Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, they are symbols of his failure to deliver.

It is no wonder the lack of development has become an election issue for which Nitish is under attack from his opponents, particularly from Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav. A recent survey by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies and Lokniti, had found that development was the top issue this time around. **P9**

BJP OPTIMISTIC OF RAJINI SUPPORT

Tamil superstar Rajinikanth may seem ambivalent on his political innings, but BJP general secretary C T Ravi is optimistic of getting his support in that state where the party is looking to expand its base | **P7**

SEAN CONNERY 1930-2020

The first and finest superspy James Bond

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

LEGENDARY actor, Sir Sean Connery, known widely for playing James Bond, has died at the age of 90, after a prolonged battle with illness.

The actor's tryst with playing Bond began with *Dr. No* (1962), when he was 32, and lasted for as many as seven Bond films. Legend has it that Bond author Ian Fleming, who was initially sceptical of Connery playing the part, was so impressed by the Scottish actor's portrayal that he gave the Bond character Scottish ancestry in his later books.

A poll by a British weekly magazine this year, on the occasion of Connery's 90th birthday, declared him as the best James Bond ever.

The actor's robust physique landed him the role of a battered prizefighter in the 1956 BBC production, *Requiem for a Heavyweight*. His first film to get a theatrical release was *No Road Back*, a 1956 crime movie. A noteworthy performance in the 1961 TV movie, *Anna Karenina*, brought him the attention needed to win a newspaper poll, in which readers were asked to suggest the ideal actor to play James Bond. **P11**

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PICS | SHIMOGA NANDAN

PROTECTING GREEN LUNGS

Over the last two decades, Tadasa villagers have worked hard to reclaim forest land and rebuild the green cover

MODEL VILLAGE

There is no liquor shop in Tadasa

No open defecation as all 140 houses have toilets

Village is plastic-free too

JFC has a corpus fund of ₹4 lakh.

All 140 families are its members. It disburses money to needy farmers for their agriculture activities in the name of God. Once farmers harvest the crop, they have to return the money with some interest

The Kanivemma temple in Bhadravathi taluk

RAMACHANDRA V GUNARI
@ Shivamogga

IF you get off at Bhadravathi, and ask for directions to Tadasa village, perhaps not many will be able to help you. But this little known village has brought in a silent revolution and has turned the reclaimed forest land into a lush green canopy.

Forest cover in Shivamogga district has been steadily depleting over the years. This has been attributed to many reasons, but the main culprits are encroachments and unauthorised cultivation on bagair hukum land. There have also been very few attempts at rebuilding the forest cover in the area. However, almost 20 years back, Tadasa led a movement to reclaim lost forest and up the greenery in the area.

Residents of Tadasa village have been making efforts to increase the forest cover in the area, and over the last 19 years, they've completely transformed the land around their village. At the forefront of these efforts is T R Bheemarao. He says, "When I returned home from Maharashtra, I saw that the green cover in the area had reduced drastically. That's when I decided to convince others in the village to help stop forest land from being encroached. The first person I convinced was my father. This started in 1998, and by 2000, most of the encroached land was reclaimed by the forest department. This has been a collective effort by seniors of the village, forest department authorities and the police too."

Top: The lush green hillock of Kanivemmana Gudda at Tadasa village in Bhadravathi taluk. Above: T R Bheemarao who led the re-greening efforts

RICH FLORA, FAUNA
A variety of saplings like sandalwood, mango, jackfruit, neem, tamarind and honne have been planted. Several animals also call the hillocks home. Porcupines, hyenas, rabbits, bears and various species of birds can be found here

Bheemarao led a mass movement to reclaim and rebuild the lost forest land. In 2000, the government had sanctioned Rs 70,000 to develop these encroached lands.

Tadasa is a tiny village in Bhadravathi taluk with 140 families living there, and is surrounded by four hillocks - Thimmappana Gudda (spread across 150 acres); Kanivemmana Gudda (400 acres); Kalabhairaveshvara Gudda (130 acres) and Guddada Malleshwara (100 acres). Siddapura and Agaradahalli villages are also in the vicinity.

Recovering forest land at Thimmappana Gudda and Kanivemmana Gudda was kicked off by constituting a joint forest committee (JFC) in Tadasa in 2000. Another JFC was constituted for Kalabhairaveshvara Gudda and the Grama Samiti took care of the forest area in Guddada Malleshwara, which is located between Danapura and Gudumaghatta villages.

Bheemarao says, "Now, we have added about 1,000 sandalwood trees to the area. We have deployed two security guards whose salary is being taken care of by the JFC. A trench measuring 4ft x 4ft has been dug along the forest area to stop any encroachment."

In some patches, the forest department had cultivated acacia, but after the plants dried, the villagers have planted fruit-bearing and other trees.

With increased forest cover in the hillocks, there has been marked improvement in the water table too. "Earlier, we had to dig about 180-200 feet to get water. Now, we get water at just 40 feet," say some villagers. Additionally, Mattihalla – a small stream that runs in through Tadasa village – now runs all through the year. Earlier, this stream would only have water in the monsoon months.

Plasma warriors bringing light into people's lives

AJITH M S @Mysuru

THEY are the guiding lights amid the dark pandemic times --being a bridge between plasma donors and needy patients.

It is past 5pm in New Jersey when most people return from work, but at Santhosh Shankaranarayan's house, the clock switches to Indian Standard Time as he starts coordinating several messages and requests for plasma from India, a routine which continues till 3am.

Santhosh, a techie from Bengaluru, is now settled in New Jersey, but he is doing his best to serve those hit by the pandemic, miles apart, by helping them source plasma which has become one of the major modes of therapy for those hit by the novel coronavirus.

Even though the efficacy of plasma therapy is largely disputed and the Centre is set to remove it from the treatment guidelines, it is still widely used.

With the demand up, arranging for plasma becomes an uphill task for many as very few who have recovered from Covid-19 come forward to donate it. This is where people like Santosh play a helpful role.

According to Santhosh, what motivated him is the death of a Covid-19 positive father and daughter who he is acquainted with, for whom they tried hard to get the plasma, but it got delayed.

PIC | UDAYSHANKAR S

A plasma bank in Mysuru

"This incident made us understand how the kin struggle to save the lives of their near and dear ones. And plasma could have helped them," says Santhosh who has been helping several Covid-19 patients, especially the expat community across the US.

However, he did not stop there. Wanting to serve the people back in India too, he has so far helped hundreds of Covid-19 patients across the country. He has even started a Facebook group towards this where volunteers post requests for plasma and other members who have also met online help connect with other volunteers from across the country, mainly Bengaluru, Mysuru and other cities like Chennai and Patna.

The group has over 18,500 people as members and they also motivate recovered patients to donate plasma.

Meanwhile, in Mysuru's busy commercial hub of Ashoka Road, people identify Anand Mandoth who is into mobile distribution as a busy man. But little do many of his business partners know about his round-the-clock networking to source plasma.

Anand says sourcing plasma for the needy is his primary work now, pointing to a diary which he carries with him, even to his bed, with details of Covid-19 survivors who are ready for plasma donation as well as the names and numbers of people who are due for donation.

He says that the networking he used to do for sourcing blood donors has helped him to enable plasma donation. He has a long list of people who he helped to get plasma and who recovered thereafter.

Anand Mandoth

Santhosh Shankaranarayan

Fathaheen Misbah, an IT Engineer with Infosys Technologies, is the go-to person for many for sourcing plasma. She says that awareness is one crucial area that has been lagging.

Earlier associated with the much successful Covid-19 Sahaya task force of the state, she has been helping many to source plasma from across the country and has been creating awareness about donating plasma.

With concerns over the efficacy of the plasma therapy echoing, Santhosh says, "For those on the death bed, every effort is valuable, the guilt of not having tried the best would linger forever. I have seen many recover after plasma therapy."

Lack of awareness as well as lack of resources, like the availability of Aspherisis machines, especially at government facilities, is a concern

Fathaheen Misbah

CHILDREN TAKE THE HIT AS EDUCATION GOES FOR A TOSS

TEAM TNIE

"EDUCATION is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire," said William Butler Yeats (1865-1939), the famous Irish poet and one of the leading lights of 20th century literature. But the adverse impact of Covid-19 and resulting chaos in school education — starting with the issue of whether to hold classes online or offline — indicates that the efforts of the state government to consciously keep education on track is just about filling the pail, and dousing whatever little fire is lit.

BIG PICTURE

If anything, it has deeply impacted character development of children, many of whom endure lack of access to technology to sustain online classes. Online education has deprived children of open spaces to run, explore, encounter, interact socially, wonder, and raise questions — the holistic exercise of mind and body.

The pandemic has resulted in the closure of educational institutions across Karnataka. D Shashi Kumar, president, Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka, says over 18,000 schools are suffering from financial constraints to pay salaries of teachers and over 10,000 nursery schools affected due to lack of admissions.

According to the Annual Status of Education Report, 68.1 per cent students in the age group of 7-16 are in government schools and 25.3 per cent in private schools, while 6.4% do not attend school at all.

Education is being tossed around with strong currents of pros and cons of online/offline education. The children are at the receiving end of it.

Education Minister S Suresh Kumar's statement that online classes "might affect the students' mental wellbeing" was in line with a report by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), which stated that virtual classes are not ideal for students below the age of six and recommended screen times for various age groups.

According to education department sources, online education has reached only 40 per cent of students living in rural areas and marginally more in urban areas.

The economic slowdown and lockdowns have badly affected children from poor and lower-middle-class families in several North Karnataka districts. While boys are being sent to work as labourers in farms, hotels and other fields, minor girls are being married off. Child rights have gone straight out of the window.

Udupi district has emerged as a major region where children are being forced into labour at the Malpe fisheries harbour. As most sectors are yet to open fully after lifting of lockdown restrictions, migrant labourers who have arrived in Udupi from places like Ballari, Koppal, Vijayapura, among other places, find it difficult to make the ends meet. Parents working as labourers at the harbour take their kids with them to work to enhance their income, depriving children of their childhood.

Prabhath M Kalkura, a child rights activist from Udupi, said more kids working as labourers at the Malpe fisheries harbour this year is the direct impact of the pandemic.

In the pre-pandemic stage, 'Chinnara Angala', 'Baa Marali Shaalege' (Come Back to School), Cooliyinda Shaalege (From labour to school), all such enrollment campaigns helped bring lakhs of children back to schools. But the pandemic has halted the momentum of these programmes, he noted.

Recently, a 9th standard boy came to Hubballi from a village to sell festoons during Dasara to earn money to buy books for his studies. There are several such instances of children selling pens and masks on roads of Mysuru to support their families that are in financial distress due to the pandemic.

Several child marriages have taken place in rural areas, though many have been stopped by officials. In Ballari district alone, 231 child marriages were stopped by the authorities in the last seven months. In Gadag, 23 such marriages were stopped. But in all these cases, the helplessness of parents to earn sustenance for their families emerged as the common reason for forcing their minor daughters into marriage, sacrificing education.

Vasudev Sharma, a child rights activist, said continued closure of schools has affected the lives of children. If schools were open, the number of child marriages, labour and abuse of children would have come down.

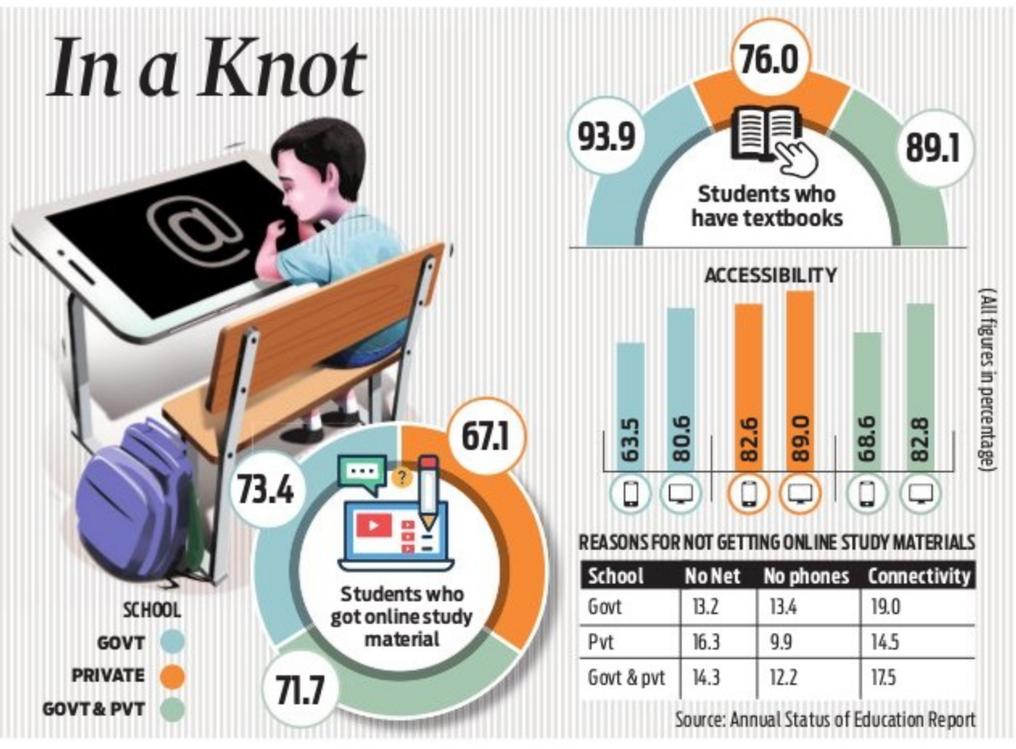
According to Mysuru District Child Protection Officer Divakar, during the lockdown (March to May), the district reported 55 child marriages, of which 42 were prevented. Most of them were in rural areas with parents exploiting the lockdown to solemnise marriages of minors, away from the public glare.

Though the numbers have come down after the unlock, there are still several instances of child marriages reported from the rural belt of Mysuru. Recently, an alert from TNSE to officials thwarted a child marriage at HD Kote taluk.

Experts also point out that online classes divide children into 'haves' and 'have-nots', deeply impacting the children's psyche, in turn, potentially orienting them towards crime. Many from underprivileged sections have bought new tabs, mobile phones, laptops for their children's online classes by taking loans, threatening to put them into a vicious debt cycle.

Vidya Dinakar, a Mangaluru-based social activist, says, "Some migrant worker parents who have come back looking for jobs are seeking financial assistance to pay school fees too." She adds that financial issues have led to the rise in child labour in the district.

Even children pursuing sports are affected. Rural children who were getting ready for different athletic events and hockey at sports hostels run by the department of sports and youth affairs in Shivamogga suffered from a lack of balanced diet, regular training and specific skill training. Manjunatha Swamy, Assistant director of the department, says, "About 90 percent of these students live in rural areas where they don't have proper facilities, including grounds to practise regularly. Here, they undergo physical fitness and skill training, and they are nurtured with a proper balanced diet. But now, they are deprived of all training and proper food, which are essential for a sportsperson to develop."



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7 city hospitals put on notice

Their registrations have been suspended for not setting aside Covid beds

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BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Saturday slapped show cause notice on seven private hospitals in Bengaluru and also suspended their licences issued under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments Act.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad signed the orders against Artyem Hospital, Rangadorai Memorial Hospital, Sanjeevini Hospital, Dr. GVG Healthcare Private Limited, Srinivas Hospital, Medstar Hospital and Nandana Healthcare Services India Limited.

The order stated that as per directions 50 per cent of the beds had to be kept reserved in each category - general wards, HDU, ICU and ICU with ventilators for BBMP-sponsored Covid-19 patients, but the orders have not been complied with. Also the hospitals have not updated the SAST portal with details of all government-referred Covid-19 patients and privately admitted Covid-19 patients, to know the actual occupancy and availability of beds.

"The hospitals were earlier directed to give information about the occupancy, but it has not yet been done. Thus it has been decided to take exemplary action against the seven hospitals. Unless information of Covid-19 patients, as sought, is submitted and compliance report given in terms of notification and admitting government-referred patients as per allocations fixed and not diverting these beds to private patients, the KPME registration of the hospitals is suspended," Prasad said. If the hospitals fail to comply by Sunday their licence cancelled. "Earlier, notice was issued under the Disaster Management Act. this is the first time KPME Act has been invoked," he said.

Health workers near K R Market in Bengaluru on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

For 17th day, more recoveries than +ves

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WITH 7,468 recoveries and 3,104 new cases reported in Karnataka as of Friday night, the state has seen more recoveries than new cases for the 17th consecutive day. While the total cases touched 8,23,412, the number of active cases has significantly dropped and now stands at 55,017.

Only 28 new Covid deaths were reported bringing the case fatality rate of the day to 0.92%. While the positivity rate of the day stood at 2.96%.

Bengaluru Urban recorded 1,621 new cases and 17 deaths. Bengaluru had a high number of discharges at 4,679. The active cases that remain in Bengaluru are 34,459.

The recovery rate of the state is high at 90.7%. Apart from Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru Urban and Tumakuru, other districts of the state have had 90% plus recoveries, while the other three districts as well are close to hitting the 90% plus recovery rate.

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The BJP is hopeful with superstar Rajinikanth being ambivalent on making his political bow for the 2021 Tamil Nadu assembly polls, and hinting that he would announce his political stand after consultation with his fans

CABINET EXPANSION SOON AFTER POLLS, BERTH FOR MUNIRATNA: CM

'Will decide on reshuffle or expansion after visit to Delhi; confident of winning both seats'

Chief Minsiter BS Yediurappa campaigns for BJP candidate from RR Nagar Muniratna, along with ministers R Ashok, ST Somashekhar and Byrathi Basavaraj, in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

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CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa, leaving no stone unturned to ensure his party candidates' victory in the November 3 bypolls, on Saturday said his cabinet will be expanded immediately after the bypolls and N Muniratna, a former Congressman and now a BJP candidate in RR Nagar assembly segment in Bengaluru will be inducted into the ministry.

Muniratna was among the rebel Congress legislators who switched sides to help BJP form the government in Karnataka last year.

"The ministry expansion should have been done by now, but was delayed due to various reasons," the CM said, adding that after the bypoll, he will visit Delhi again to hold discussions with his party leaders and soon after, he is confident of completing the expansion exercise. Hinting at the possible reshuffle of the ministry too, he said either expansion or reshuffle will be decided after discussions with the central leaders.

Results of November 3 bypolls to RR Nagar and Sira assembly segments will be announced on November 10 and the CM expressed confidence of winning both seats.

He had earlier visited New Delhi and held discussions with central leaders on ministry expansion. In fact, he was waiting for a word from Delhi to complete the exercise before the state legislature session in September. Many senior leaders in the party are waiting for the ministry expansion as six berths are yet to be filled and the CM is likely to drop some ministers to make way for more new faces. Tourism Minister C T Ravi's resignation too is pending with the CM. Ravi quit after he was appointed as the national general secretary of the party.

The CM had made a similar announcement during the 2019 byelections to 15 assembly segments. Rebel Congress and JDS MLAs who had helped the BJP form the government and won the byelections as BJP candidates were inducted into the ministry.

Earlier addressing a virtual rally, the CM said his government will give a special emphasis on developing Bengaluru into a model city of the world. "Over the next three months, we will have a permanent solution to flooding in Bengauru, and we also ensure that the city roads are free of potholes," he said and added that he will go on a city tour after 15 days to take stock of the works.

On Saturday, a day before public campaigning for the two assembly bypolls to end, the CM attended seven rallies and roadshows in the RR Nagar assembly segment. He spoke about funds released for development of the city and RR Nagar assembly segment. "Muniratna will certainly win and we have to ensure that he wins with a big margin of 50,000 votes," he said.

Evict those doing mischief in Sira: Cong to ECI

Tumakuru: Congress leaders, including former Deputy CM **Dr G Parameshwara**, have urged the ECI to take action and "evict" non-voters from Sira assembly segment. "RSS workers and others were doing mischief in all 264 booths. If they are not evicted, our party workers may take it seriously," he warned. Parameshwara was speaking at a roadshow for Sira Congress candidate and former minister T B Jayachandra. ENS

WEEK'S DELAY

Counting in MLC polls postponed to November 10

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THE Election Commission of India has postponed the counting of votes of the four Legislative Council elections from November 2 to November 10.

The elections for South-East Graduates', Karnataka West Graduates', Karnataka North-East Teachers' and Bangalore Teachers' constituencies were held on October 28. The counting was scheduled for November 2, but the ECI, in a notification, stated that the votes will be counted on November 10 at 8 am, and the last date to conduct a re-election, if needed, should be before November 13.

EC directed the chief electoral commission of Karnataka to bring the change in dates to the notice of all returning officers, observers, candidates and all concerned, and wide publicity be given about the changes.

The notification stated that the Congress submitted a memorandum on Saturday to the Commission, requesting for the postponement of counting of votes to a date after November 3 in view of the polling for by-elections to Sira and Rajarajeshwarinagar Assembly Constituencies that will be held on that day.

Counting of votes for both Assembly bypolls and MLC elections can be done on the same day

Sanjeev Kumar, Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka

When asked, the Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka Sanjeev Kumar said that counting of votes for both Assembly bypolls and MLC elections can be done on the same day.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar campaings for RR Nagar candidate H Kusuma at a garment unit in Goraguntepalya, Bengaluru, on Saturday | EXPRESS

The AAP clinic is located on Basappa Road, Shantinagar, in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

AAP takes long shot, to open clinic in B'luru today

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WITH the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) making efforts to gain a foothold in Bengaluru ahead of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) elections, an Aam Aadmi Clinic, which is similar to the Delhi Government's Mohalla Clinic, will be opened in Bengaluru on Sunday.

Apart from timely assistance to consult doctors, the clinic, to be opened at #54 Basappa Road Shantinagar, Bengaluru, and run by Aam Aadmi Clinic Trust, will provide medical tests, more than 60 lab tests and medicines, free of cost.

The BBMP elections are likely to be held early next year. The AAP, which has been working to make inroads in the city, will include Mohalla Clinics in its election manifesto. The Mohalla Clinic is the flagship primary healthcare programme of the AAP government in the national capital.

Aam Aadmi Clinic Trust member and former IAS officer Renuka Vishwanathan said they have held several health camps in the city and have seen the condition of poor people who come to the health camps. Health care facilities in India, particularly in Bengaluru, are atrocious and only the Mohalla Clinic model can make any difference, she said. Five active members of the AAP have set up the trust.

"We have decided to run the clinic as a demo project to show the government and people of the city exactly how primary healthcare should be provided," she said and added that they want to make a point that these kind of Mohalla Clinics must be opened to provide good healthcare facilities. "Eventually, this is going to be part of the AAP manifesto," she added.

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Govt to hold Sapthapadi in Nov, Dec

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE State Government's ambitious 'Sapthapadi' free mass marriage programme, which had been put off due to the pandemic situation, will now be held in November and December as per Covid-19 protocols. The mass marriages will be held on different dates at 100 temples coming under the Endowment Department and the number of couples at each temple will be restricted to prevent crowding.

The government had announced that the mass marriages will be conducted on April 26 and May 24 at 100 endowment temples across the state. However, due to the pandemic, it was postponed to June and July, only to be put off again. Under the Sapthapadi scheme, the bridegroom will get a shirt and dhoti and Rs 5,000 in cash, whereas the bride will get a saree, Rs 1,000 in cash and 8 gm of gold for the 'Mangalya'.

Enthused by the dipping Covid-positive numbers, the government plans to hold the mass marriages on multiple days between November-end and December. Speaking to *TNSE*, Endowment Minister Kota Srinivas Pujari said they are looking up auspicious dates. "Earlier, we were expecting many couples. But due to Covid-19, it was postponed. In the meanwhile, many who registered have got married. We might have some 250 couples registered now," he said.

The minister said the district deputy commissioners have been directed to ensure that Covid guidelines are followed during the events. "Two people each can attend along with bride and groom. Depending on the space available in the temples, 15 to 25 couples will be allowed for mass marriage so that the number of people does not exceed 100 to 125," Pujari said.

ANYONE'S GAME

High voting in MLC election ups hopes of all

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WITH the voting percentage high in the election to West Graduates' constituency of the Legislative Council, both Congress and BJP are doing their own math on the victory of their candidate. But the independent, Basavaraj Gurikar, could upset expectations of both national parties on the counting day, November 10.

Contrary to earlier elections, the turnout at Wednesday's hustings was 20 per cent more than the previous polls. The polling percentage stood at 70.11 per cent as against 49.48 in 2014.

The higher turnout was seen despite lesser number of voters being enrolled for the election this year. The total number of voters registered was 74,472 as against 94,352 in the previous election. Everybody had expected the polling not to cross the halfway mark as graduates in the constituency had not shown interest in enrolling themselves. But it is upside down now.

Both BJP and Congress claimed that the high voter turnout is an indicator of their candidate's victory. But political observers said it is difficult to predict as it is a three-way contest and not a two-horse race.

BJP leaders said that a strong network of party workers and using them strategically pushed the turnout high which is an advantage for their candidate S V Sankanur. "Moreover, our party is in power and has the ability to deliver what is promised," they asserted.

But Congress leaders said that a large number of youngsters turned up to vote as they are disappointed with the governance of BJP governments at the state and Centre which would favour party candidate R M Kuberappa.

Meanwhile, Basavaraj Gurikar, who enjoys the backing of JDS, argued that his candidature has given an option for voters as they have already experimented with both Congress and the BJP.

Babri and beyond: Gowda goes all out to woo Muslim voters in Sira

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WITH just a few hours left for public campaigning, former PM and JDS patriarch H D Deve Gowda went all out to woo the Muslim community in Sira town, which is going to the polls on November 3. He touched upon several issues including the demolition of Babri Masjid.

Campaigning at a Muslim-dominated area on Saturday, he criticized the verdict of the Allahabad HC as all the accused in the Babri case including L K Advani, Uma Bharati and Murli Manohar Joshi were acquitted.

"When the mosque was brought down by over 1 lakh people under their leadership, with videos as evidence, all were acquitted. This is the situation of our country," he said.

He blamed it on late PM Rajiv Gandhi as he had opened the door of the mosque when Buta Singh was his home minister. "The demolition happened on Dec. 6, 1992 when Congress was in power at the Centre," he pointed out.

He also criticized Congress leader Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul Gandhi as they did not visit the Gujarat Godhra massacre victims at the camps. "I had visited them but no Congress leader did. I even visited Kashmir and boosted the morale of Farooq Abdullah," he claimed.

He came down heavily on Chamarajpet MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan for allegedly distributing money to voters.

" Our rival party may be spending Rs 20 crore. But we can't. When none of the big leaders are with me now, you all showering your love on me is significant. The youths should know how much I have contributed to their community," he said.

He claimed the Sira poll will be his last fight as he is 88 years old and may soon retire from politics. "The knee pain I got during Tumkur LS polls still persists. I will adapt Sira and develop it from my RS member funds," he promised.

JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda speaks at a public rally in Sira | EXPRESS

NUTS OVER FRUITS

Forget flowers, fruit garlands are trendy, cheaper and healthy too!

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WANT to buy flowers? You may have to think twice. For, heavy rains have affected the supply and the flower prices have soared. But it looks like the supporters of netas are not worried. They are now opting for fruit garlands as they are cheaper than flowers. In the last 15 days, at least 25 huge apple garlands were sent to RR Nagar alone from the City market, whereas only five to six jumbo-sized flower garlands were sent to that constituency. RR Nagar is going to the polls on November 3.

The flower market in Krishna Raja Market, popularly known as City market, is one of the biggest ones in Asia. There are around 200 vendors in KR Market who make garlands and sell them. This market was shut for more than five months due to the pandemic-induced lockdown and even during post lockdown. It was opened only in September. Even after reopening, there was dull business. However, the Dasara festival last week spurred their business, and the bypolls too have brought cheer to them.

Santosh, a garland maker in KR Market, said at least 25 apple garlands have gone to RR Nagar alone in the last 15 days. Since each garland is some 15 feet long, they need a crane to lift it. He said one such garland will need 80 to 120 kg of apples. Depending on the quantity of apples used, the rate of garland is fixed – it can even touch Rs 1, 50,000. This time, apple garlands ranging from Rs 25,000 to Rs 50,000 were sold more.

Venkatesh, another vendor, said the price of apples is Rs 150 to Rs 170 per kg, while flowers are sold at Rs 300 to Rs 450 per kg. Due to heavy rains in the last few weeks, the flowers were damaged and the supply had come down. Hence, the price has shot up. "We find flowers are more expensive than fruits, there is at least a Rs 20,000 difference. So naturally, party workers or supporters are buying apple garlands. Fruit garlands have been the trend for the last couple of years," he added.

Interestingly, vendors make party-wise garlands. "For the BJP, we use Kanakambara (Crossandra) with green leaves, Congress garlands will have tricolour like their party symbol where we use Kanakambara, Sugandharaja (tuberose) and greens and JDS will have green leaves with Sugandharaja," said Deepak who is also into this business.

This year, due to the flower prices going north, most of the orders they delivered are of small- and medium -sized garlands. These garlands cost Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,000.

Political parties are opting for fruit garlands over those with flowers

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The Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), along with several government departments and agencies, will launch a pilot initiative from November to make the state free of child labour. The programme will start with one district — Tumakaru.

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'COVID VACCINE ONLY BY EARLY 2021, FIRST SHOTS MAY NOT CURE ALL'

Countries must use clear frameworks developed and used in past pandemics to decide on whom to prioritise, says expert

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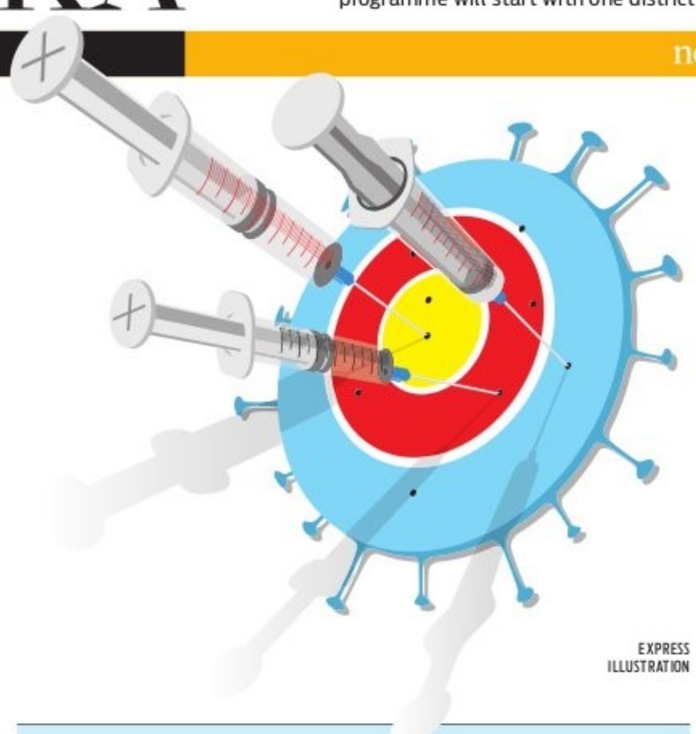

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AS the world is in a race for an ideal vaccine candidate to protect people against coronavirus, experts say we can expect a vaccine only by early 2021. Given the current speed at which clinical trials are going on, the first generation of vaccines may not be effective on everyone. There is a lot to be figured out by the government on the logistics of distribution of vaccines to ensure it reaches all, said Dr Anant Bhan, Researcher, Global Health, Bioethics, and Health Policy, during an interview with The New Sunday Express. Excerpts.

Which Covid vaccine candidates are leading the race?

There is Bharat Biotech's Covaxin which recently initiated Phase-3 trials. AstraZeneca's and Serum Institute's Covishield is in Phase-2/3. Zydus Cadilla's ZyCoV-D is in Phase-2. Dr Reddy's and Russia Direct Investment Fund received the DCGI approval to conduct an adaptive phase 2/3 clinical trials for Sputnik V vaccine in the country. Serum Institute is also partnering with Novavax for NVX-COV2373, for which phase 2/3 trials are supposed to start soon in India. Trials are also being done on the existing ones, like the anti-tuberculosis vaccine, BCG, in India and abroad.

When can we expect any of these vaccines to be ready for India?

I don't expect any candidate to be ready before early next year. For instance, AstraZeneca's ongoing trials in India with 1,600 participants is set to take seven months for completion. The regulator may also use the data from foreign vaccine trials and implement emergency use of the vaccine, given the special pandemic situation. The data safety and monitoring board can look at interim results and recommend either to stop the trials if there is a risk or give the go-ahead if there is strong evidence of a vaccine's efficacy. In the latter scenario, the vaccine could be made available early based on the regulator's approval.

It takes 10-15 years to bring a vaccine to the market, but now all companies are trying to get a vaccine out in a short span. The UK Vaccine Task Force has said that the first generation shots will be imperfect and may not work on everyone.

Q&A

First-generation shots being imperfect and not being effective on everyone/optimally effective is quite likely, due to the rapid speed at which trials are taking place. There is not enough time being given to understand the safety and efficacy, especially long-term protection. The later generation of vaccines could have more efficacy as more time would be available for development. Also, developers can understand what works and what does not, and have better knowledge of virus immunology. Also, clinical trials are done in controlled and ideal settings. On the field, however, the actual performance may be different. Another factor is the cost. Lower and middle-income countries may opt for specific vaccines if the cost is high or be part of mechanisms such as the Covax facility, a global risk-sharing mechanism for pooled procurement and equitable distribution of eventual vaccines.

> *The process of vaccine distribution must be made transparent in the country, with the rationale in deciding a vaccine or a particular target group made public*
> Anant Bhan, Researcher, Global Health, Bioethics, and Health Policy

Who can rceive the vaccine first?

Countries must use clear frameworks developed and used in past pandemics to decide on whom to prioritise. The decision can be made based on those who are most at risk, such as healthcare workers, elderly and those with comorbidities. It can be made based on the professions most critical in response to the pandemic, such as healthcare workers, sanitation workers, civil defence, security forces, etc. It can be made based on age and vulnerability. It could be made based on political factors as well. However, the process must be made transparent in India, with the rationale in deciding a vaccine or a particular target group made public.

What kind of manufacturing facility will we need to scale up production?

Several companies in the country already supply vaccines globally, have large capacities and plan to upgrade their facilities to meet the demand. The production also depends on the collaboration between those who developed the vaccine, such as Oxford University, and vaccine manufacturers, such as Serum Institute of India, and whether other companies can be involved in production. The government can also step in and mandate production under special provisions.

What logistics are needed to ensure effective distribution of vaccines?

We need to figure out the distribution chain, cold-chain facilities and at what level will they be delivered, such as local PHCs, district hospitals or even door-to-door, etc.. The government must also decide on who should administer it, how to ensure continuity of supply, how many syringes will be needed, who should be prioritised in receiving the vaccine and how we will track those who have been vaccinated. Some people may not agree to get a dose.

What is likely to happen in a person's body once the vaccine is administered?

An effective vaccine would produce an immunogenic response, that is antibodies to prevent the onset of Covid infection and the body must be able to fight off the virus. There should also be long-term memory in the immunity. Say, 10 years down the line, the immune system must be able to create antibodies if the virus enters. We also need to look at how long the antibodies or the immune memory lasts, and if booster doses are needed.

More info on Metro line sought

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THE Commissioner of Rail Safety (CRS), whose green signal is awaited for running the first line of Bangalore Metro's Phase-II -- the Yelachenahalli-Anjanapura line -- has sought more inputs before inspection of the line is carried out.

Asked about the reason why the application submitted on October 15 for opening the line was getting delayed, Ajay Seth, BMRCL Managing Director, said, "The Safety Commissioner has sought additional information, clarifications and data. BMRCL will be submitting that by next week."

In a written questionnaire on the possible date of inspection sent by The New Indian Express earlier, Commissioner Abhai Kumar Rai said, "The date for inspection will be decided in consultation with BMRCL once the scrutiny of documents is over and any additional information, if required, is submitted."

On the tests that are likely to be conducted, Rai said, "After scrutiny of documents, it will be decided as to which safety tests will be conducted during the inspection."

The line, which has a route length of 5.79 km, will cover the five elevated stations of Konakunte Cross, Doddakallasandra, Vajarahalli, Thalaghattapur and Anjanpura. The line has missed deadlines and is likely to opened in November.

ATTACKS ON TENANTS

SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

A man named Anand Reddy allegedly shot at his tenant Selvam, as he wanted the latter to vacate his property in Beguru. Selvam, a cab driver who lived in Lakshmi Layout, told the police that he had not paid rent since the lockdown. Due to this, Reddy was upset and asked Selvam to vacate the house.

SEPTEMBER 2017

A group of people including the owner barged into a house in Kalidasanagar in Girinagar and assaulted a tenant named Lakshmi (26). KG Mahesh barged into the house when Lakshmi was alone and threw objects at her, took her gold jewellery. They also hit her, leaving injuries on her back. Girinagar police arrested them two days after the assault.

Woman landlord stabs tenant over rent delay

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RAJAGOPALNAGAR police on Saturday arrested a woman for stabbing her tenant during a dispute over rent. The victim is recovering in a private hospital and the incident took place on Friday night.

Mahalakshmi (40), a resident of Hegganahalli in Rajagopalnagar, went to the house of her tenant Poornima (31) around 8.30pm on the first floor of the building demanding that the latter pay rent which was unpaid for the past four months, a senior police officer said.

Poornima told her to wait a few more days as she needed to arrange the money or else deduct the rent from the deposit which was paid earlier. In a fit of rage Mahalakshmi took a knife and stabbed her twice. Neighbours who heard Poornima screaming alerted the police before she was taken to a private hospital.

Poornima lives with her husband who works in a garment factory. In a statement to the police, she said that her husband had not got his salary for two months. Mahalakshmi has been sent to judicial custody after interrogation.

Riots case: Sampath Raj's trail leads CCB to Kerala

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A special team went to Kerala on Saturday to nab former Bengaluru mayor **Sampath Raj** in the connection with the DJ Halli riots case while another searched his residence in Cox Town. The Central Crime Branch has formed four teams to nab Sampath Raj, who was discharged from a private hospital on October 25, and subsequently absconded.

On Saturday, CCB police also questioned some of Raj's relatives who helped him run away and recorded their statements, a senior CCB officer said.

"Raj planned to escape from the city with his former driver and they hired a cab to leave the city. The involvement of hospital staff who intentionally discharged him at midnight also emerged during investigation. Action will be taken against the hospital management. We tracked his phone call records after he absconded from the hospital. He will be arrested in a couple of days," the officer said.

Sampath Raj is an accused in the riots that occurred in DJ Halli in Bengaluru on August 11. The police had also named him as an accused in the chargesheet submitted to the court in connection with the vandalism and arson of Pulakeshinagar MLA Akhanda Srinivasamurthy's house during the violence.

The CCB police had previously questioned Raj for his alleged involvement in the DJ Halli riots. But when he was summoned for the second time, he skipped inquiry citing health reasons and was admitted to a private hospital. Raj was admitted to the same hospital four times claiming that he had Covid-19 symptoms.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said that Assistant Commissioner of Police Venugopal had served a notice to the hospital on October 7, directing it to inform them of the date of Raj's discharge. The CCB police have now issued notice to the hospital for not informing them about his discharge. Raj absconded after being discharged .

REMEMBERING A SAINT

People pay floral tributes to sage Valmiki on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

EXPRESS READ

BBMP plants trees on World Cities Day

The BBMP Smart City Limited conducted a plantation drive in the city to mark World Cities Day. The plantation drive commenced on Saturday morning along the Raj Bhavan Road. In total, 100 people took part in the drive and 100 saplings were planted, 50 each on Raj Bhavan Road and Planetarium Road. The event was inaugurated by BBMP Commissioner Manjunath Prasad and Hephsiba Rani Korlapati, Managing Director of Bengaluru Smart City.ENS

Stroke care: NIMHANS to handhold hospitals

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EVERY one in four people, or 25 per cent of the population, suffers a stroke in his or her lifetime. The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) on World Stroke Day, October 29, began a one-of-its-kind, pre-hospital and post-hospital system of care management for stroke cases in Bengaluru and neighbouring districts.

NIMHANS experts will train 90-100 nurses and 60-70 doctors over three years. The institute will develop a system of orderly transfer of patients across hospitals in the government sector. The project will run for four years and will be scaled up to develop similar systems in North Karnataka as well.

Dr Srijitesh, Additional Professor of Neurology and incharge of the project, said, "Four-and-a-half hours is the golden period by which time patients must reach a hospital. During a stroke, brain cells die once every 15 minutes. The earlier a patient arrives at a hospital, better the outcome. However, most people come late as they go to local doctors or nearby facilities that are not stroke ready, in terms of trained personnel and equipment. Time is lost in referring the person to another hospital."

The institute will develop a system of orderly transfer of patients across hospitals in the government sector | EXPRESS

NIMHANS bears the brunt of referrals as it sees 300-odd stroke cases per month, but can manage only 10 percent of them. The stroke programme was launched on Thursday with online training beginning for health care professionals from 20 government hospitals from Bengaluru and neighbouring areas. Offline training will take place later.

The 20 centres are divided into facilities that will deal acute stroke cases and intermediary care centres that will deal with stabilised stroke patients. Three to four beds will be reserved for stroke patients in each of these hospitals.

"The second aspect of this programme is upgrading infrastructure of these hospitals to treat stroke cases. These centres will be developed as part of a 'Hub and Spoke' network cluster in Bengaluru with NIMHANS as a central hub. Partial approval has been received from the National Health Mission and funds are awaited," said Dr Srijitesh, adding that after the training and upgradation, a call centre will be set up to triage stroke patients.

In addition, an orderly system of referrals will be developed. At present, the absence of orderly referral back policy leads to unaddressed misery to patients and their attendants.

Treatment given to stroke patients includes clot dissolving medicine called intravenous thrombolysis and removal of clot using catheter, called endovascular intervention.

For larger clots in major arteries to the brain, a procedure called thrombectomy is done, based on the extent of brain damage.

Infants given supplementary foods at higher risk of wasting, finds study

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A THIRD of women use supplementary food for infants aged about three months and such babies have a 2.5 times higher chance of wasting compared to those who are only breastfed, according to a recent study.

The prospective cohort study of 240 women titled Maternal antecedents of adiposity and studying the transgenerational role of hyperglycemia and insulin (MAASTHI) was conducted at a tertiary care public hospital in Bengaluru and published in Frontiers of Public Health, Children and Health in October.

The study, done by experts from Bengaluru and London, was undertaken to assess the effect on breast feeding practices on infant anthropometry and determine the factors affecting these practices.

A third of 240 women enrolled in the study used supplementary foods for infants aged 14 weeks. Infants aged 14-16 weeks who received supplementary feeding were at risk of wasting compared to infants who were exclusively breast-fed.

Wasting refers to low weight-for-height where a child is thin for his or her height but not necessarily short. It is also known as acute malnutrition and can increase risk of morbidity and mortality.

Eunice Lobo, research enthusiast, who was part of the study, said data was collected in three stages from eligible participants with their consent between April 2016-April 2018. "One, during gestational phase, next, at delivery, and follow-up at 14 weeks post-delivery. We will be continuing it up to five years, to check on the child's and mother's health. The reason the women started using supplements was not part of the study. However, there is lack of awareness on the importance of breast feeding," she said.

Despite the government's recommendation of exclusive breast feeding (EBF) up to six months of age, only two-thirds of women do so, said

Deepa R, research associate at Public Health Foundation of India, Bengaluru. "... 33% of the 240 women observed gave supplements such as cow milk, formula food mixed with water, and biscuits dipped in water, to children 14-16 weeks of age. Children who did not have EBF had nearly 2.5 times higher odds of wasting, that is less weight for height. Also, 2/3rds of the women observed were from lower socio-economic status," she said.

Dr Giridhara R Babu, Head of lifecourse epidemiology at the Public Health Foundation of India said that in India, exclusive breast-feeding (EBF) rates remain less than 70% during the first six months, and is 54.2% in Karnataka, both in urban and rural areas. "Infants less than six months of age who were fed supplementary food were also susceptible to diarrhea, thus leading to weight loss," he said.

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PR 235112 Tourism, Art Culture Sports And Youth Affairs (20-21)_D *Director*

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD

109, Corporate Office, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560 004.
Ph. No.22956419 / 20, www.vcb.co.in, Email: corporate@vcb.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule –8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **27/07/2020** calling upon the borrower **M/s.Chourasia Constructions Infrastructure India Pvt Ltd.,** Office situated at #22, I Cross, Aswathanagar, Marathalli, Bangalore-560037 and represented by its Directors and Guarantors **Sri.Vijay Kumar Chourasia & Sri.Vinodkumar Chourasia** both residing at # 525/526, "Sriharinivas", II Cross, Amarjyothi Layout, West Wing, Koramangala, Bangalore-560 034, **Smt.Rajani Chourasia (Legal Heir of Late Vijay Prakash Chourasia)** residing at #18, I Cross, II Main, (10th Cross) Doddanekkundi, Friends Layout, Chinnappa Garden, Bangalore-560037 and **Smt.Pramila Chourasia** residing at No.# 525/526, "Sriharinivas", II Cross, Amarjyothi Layout, West Wing, Koramangala, Bangalore-560 034 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,20,88,659/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) as on **30/06/2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **29th day of October 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Vijayanagar Branch, Bangalore,** for an amount of **Rs.1,20,88,659/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) as on **30/06/2020** plus interest from **01/07/2020** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The previous 13(4) notice dated **13/10/2020** stands withdrawn.

ANNEXURE-II : (DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY) : All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing No.8, Khatha No.419, old No.39/1, situated at Munekolala village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 103 Ft and North to South (58' 6" + 56') /2 totally measuring 5901.90 Sq Ft and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Land in Sy. No.96, North by : Remaining portion in Sy. No.105/B, South by : Road.

Date: 29.10.2020
Place: Bangalore
Sd/-Authorized Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd

LOST & FOUND

Original Sale Deed Dated:13/02/2006 beating document No.YAN-1-13436/2005-06 stored in CD No.YAND169 belonging to Shri.Krishna Reddy S/o. Munishami Reddy, Residing at No.3, Venugopal Swa my Temple Road, Rajankunte Village, Bangalore - 500 064 has been lost. Lost article report bearing serial No.885939 has been filed in Crime Branch, Bangalore City Police vide Lost Report No.117858/2020 dated: 29/10/20. Founder inform at 98450-25555.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has agreed to purchase the Property bearing Municipal No.22, PID NO. 3-46-22/3, Old Site No.67, measuring East to West 25 Feet and North to South 12 Feet, from Smt.Geetha and another Hind Portion of South Eastern side of the Property bearing Municipal No.22, PID NO.3-46-22, Old Site No.67, I Cross, H.M.T. Layout, Mathikere, Bangalore, measuring East to West 25 Feet and North to South 15 Feet, from Sri.Jayaprasad and Sri.Udaykumar, morefully described hereunder, who claim to be the sole and absolute owners in possession of the same. If any person/s, Financial Institution/s and/or Statutory Authority/ies has/have any right, title, interest and/or claims in or upon the same and/or any objection/s to the proposed sale, the same may be communicated to the undersigned along with the supporting document/s within 07 [Seven] days of this Publication. In the absence of any claim/s and/or objection/s within the stipulated period, it shall be deemed that there is/are no claim/s and/or objection/s in respect of the same, and my client will not be answerable to any claim/s putforth thereafter and will acquire a clear and marketable title to the same without being liable for any claim/s putforth thereafter.

OWNED BY SMT.GEETHA

All that piece and parcel of the Front Portion of South Western side of the Property bearing Municipal No.22, PID NO.3-46-22/3, Old Site No.67, measuring East to West 25 Feet and North to South 12 Feet, totally measuring 300 Square Feet and bounded on the :-

EAST BY : Portion of the same Property allotted to the Share of Sri Jayaprasad and Sri.Udaykumar
WEST BY : 1st Cross Road
NORTH BY : Portion of the same Property allotted to the Share of Sri.Gopi
SOUTH BY: Private Property bearing No.66

JOINTLY OWNED BY SRI.JAYAPRASAD AND SRI.UDAYAKUMAR

All that piece and parcel of the Hind Portion of South Eastern side of the Property bearing Municipal No.22, PID NO.3-46-22, Old Site No.67, measuring East to West 25 Feet and North to South 15 Feet, totally measuring 375 Square Feet formed by M/s. H.M.T. Employees' Co-operative House Building Society Limited, Bangalore, situated at 1st Cross, H.M.T. Layout, Mathikere, Bangalore, and bounded on the :-

EAST BY : Private Property bearing No.272
WEST BY : Portion of the same Propert allotted to the Share of Smt. Geetha and 3 Feet x 25 Feet Common passage
NORTH BY: Portion of the same Property allotted to the Share of Sri Gunashekar
SOUTH BY : Private Property bearing No.66

AMBARISHA A., Advocate
No.165, II Floor, Sampige Road
Near City Central Library Malleswaram,
Bangalore-560003. Mob:998058084
Bengaluru Date : 30/10/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
(LOST OF DOCUMENT)

I, **Mr. SYED WASEEM UDDIN,** S/o. Late Syed Ilyas and Late Mahajabeen, have Lost / Mis-placed the Previous Original Document bearing No.7575/94-95, Book I, Volume-1082, Pages-35-39, Dated-29-10-1994, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar (Kengeri), Bangalore in respect of Property House List No. 6, Katha No.11/2, Situated at Byrasandra Village, Bangalore Now PID No.62-173-11/2 and I have lodge a Police Complain, if found please contact No. 7259959886.

In the Hon'ble Court of the Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. At Nelamangala
C.Misc. No. 257 / 2020

PETITIONER : SRI ARUNKUMAR L., S/o. Late Lakshmaiah, Aged about 34 years, R/at Byranayakanahalli Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **V/s RESPONDENT :** The Thasildar (Registrar of Birth and Deaths), Nelamangala Taluk, Nelamangala.

NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of petitioner's Father by name LAKSHMAIAH S/o Mariyappa was died on 14.06.2011 at Byranayakanahalli Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. The Hon'ble court has fixed on **27.11.2020** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11 AM Failing which the said application will be heard and determined as exparte. Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this the 22-10-2020.

By order of the court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and J.M.F.C., Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner : **A. DEVARAJU,**
Devanga Beedi, B.H. Road, Nelamangala-562 123.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Address: **The Branch Manager, International Travel House Ltd. No 5, Sundharamoorthy Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients Sri. Shekar Shetty, S/o Narayan and Smt. Rajashree Shetty, W/o Sri. Shekar Shetty have entered into registered agreement of sale dated 21-10-2020. Now they are willing to enter into a registered Absolute Sale Deed to purchase the schedule property from 1. Sri. Kantharaju, S/o Late. Nanjappa, 2. Smt. Lakshmamma, W/o Sri. Boralingegowda, 3. Smt. Jayamma, W/o Sri. Raghuraju, 4. Smt. Bhagyamma, W/o Sri. H.K. Kumar Gowda and 5. Smt. B.M. Kumari, W/o Late. Ramakrishna and the owners are in possession of the schedule property. Anybody who has any objection, right, interest, title or alienation right over the schedule property may contact the undersigned within 30 days.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing new municipal no. 6, old no. 1071, PID No. 36-17-6, situated at 3rd Main Road, MRCR Layout, Bangalore, now comes under the Jurisdiction BBMP Ward no. 36, Govindrajnagar Ward, measuring East to West 25 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, totally measuring 1000 Sq. Ft., Along with 900 Sq. ft., R.C.C residential Building with electrical fittings, furniture, fixtures and with all basic amenities and bounded on:

East by : Site no. 1072
West by : Site no. 1070
North by : Road
South by : Site no. 1082

Jayavardhan B.R, Advocate
RSN Associates
No. 116/2-1, 1st Floor, Above Union Bank of India, 11th Cross, Malleshwaram
Bangalore-560 003. M- 9845318426

PUBLIC NOTICE

One of our Clients intend to purchase all that piece and parcel of Residentially Converted land Comprised in Survey No. 27, situated at Manchanayakanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, measuring 2 Acres, in aggregate approximately admeasuring 8,093.71 Square Meters (87,120 Square feet) as described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred as **'Schedule Property'** belonging to Sri Narasimhaiah. N, son of Late Sri Narasimhaiah [**"Owners"**].

Any person or persons, entities including any bank/societies/financial institutions, companies, asserting any claim, right, title or interest of any kind whatsoever including mortgage/charge/encumbrance/demand over the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever whether by way of sale, transfer, assignment, exchange, charge, encumbrance, tenancy, sub tenancy, lease, license, mortgage, inheritance, share, gift, devise, lien, maintenance, bequeath, easement, trust, covenant, possession or otherwise of any nature whatsoever or having any claim in the Schedule Property or the documents thereof or against the Owners or objecting to sale or any transactions by the Owners, should write to the undersigned within **fifteen (15) days** from the date of this Public Notice, together with documentary proof thereof, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or person/s over the Schedule Property or any part thereof shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and no such claims will be deemed to exist and our Clients shall proceed to purchase the Schedule Property, without any impediments.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT Piece and parcel of the Residentially Converted land Comprised in Survey No. 27, situated at Manchanayakanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, measuring 2 Acres in aggregate, approximately admeasuring 8,093.71 Square Meters (87,120 Square feet) and butted & bounded, that is to say, as follows:

On the East by : Land belongs to Venkatachalaiah & Sampangappa;
On the West by : Colony;
On the North by : Property belongs to Narasimhaiah in Sy. No. 1; and
On the South by : Road.

Dated this 31st day of October 2020.
Through its Advocates
Partha Mandal, Sr. Partner
IC UNIVERSAL LEGAL
Advocates & Solicitors
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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **29th day of October 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Vijayanagar Branch, Bangalore, for an amount of **Rs.4,80,35,002/-** (Rupees Four Crores Eighty Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand and Two Only) as on **30/06/2020** plus interest from **01/07/2020** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The previous 13(4) notice dated **13/10/2020** stands withdrawn.

ANNEXURE-II : (DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY): All that Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Sy. No.40/1(portion) situated at Hancharahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk E Khatha Property No.150200401601120100 as per village panchayat E Khatha present property No.265/40/1 measuring 0 acre 25.12 guntas of converted land out of 25.75 guntas of total land and bounded on : East by : Land of Lakshmidevamma, West by : Road and property of Kempanna, North by : Remaining portion of Land bearing in same Sy.No.40/1, South by : Property of Tangaraju.

SCHEDULE – II : All that piece and parcel of the land bearing No.28/2(Old Sy No.28), situated at Doddabanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk earlier South Taluk E Khatha property No.150200401300520052, as per Village Panchayat E Khatha present property No.28/2 measuring 1 Acre 37 Guntas of converted Land out of 2 acres of total land and bounded on : East by : Remaining portion of same survey No. and Land belongs to Sri.Shivalingaiah, West by : Govt. Land Main Road, North by : Land belongs to Sri.Shivalingaiah, South by : Land belongs to Sri.Chikkabanahalli Bandappa.

Date: 29.10.2020
Place: Bangalore
Sd/-Authorized Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **29th day of October 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Vijayanagar Branch, Bangalore, for an amount of **Rs.12,46,11,237/-** (Rupees Twelve Crores Forty Six Lakhs Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Only) as on **30/06/2020** plus interest from **01/07/2020** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The previous 13(4) notice dated **13/10/2020** stands withdrawn.

ANNEXURE-II: (DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY) : 1) All that Piece and Parcel of the land bearing Sy. No.34, situated at Rampura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk measuring 1 acre 31.50 guntas out of 3 acres 23 guntas together with all rights appurtenances, whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Portion of Land belongs to Sri.B K Raghavendra, North by : Portion of Land belongs to Sri.B K Raghavendra, South by : Road.

2) All the piece and parcel of the land bearing : a) Sy No.24/1 measuring 1 acre 11.50 guntas out of 2 acres 23 guntas. b) Sy No.33/4 measuring 0 acre 29 guntas out of 1 acres 18 guntas. c) Sy No.33/3 measuring 1 acre 13 guntas out of 2 acres 26 guntas. d) Sy No.33/2 measuring 0 acre 16 guntas out of 0 acres 32 guntas.

All the above lands are situated at Rampura village, Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore East Taluk earlier Bangalore South Taluk, together with all rights appurtenances, whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and jointly converted for residential purpose vide order no.ALN(EBB) SR 65/12/12-13 dated 03.11.2012 by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District Bangalore and Jointly bounded on : East by : Remaining portion belongs to Sri. B K Raghavendra, West by : Private property, North by : Private property, South by : Road.

Date: 29.10.2020
Place: Bangalore
Sd/-Authorized Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
[Under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditors, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditors, will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is"** and **"Whatever there is"** basis on **03.12.2020** for recovery of **Rs.151,64,54,135.26 (Rupees One Hundred Fifty One Crores Sixty Four Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five and Paisa Twenty Six only)** plus interest at the contractual rate and incidental charges, minus subsequent credits received, due to the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Management Branch-II, Kachiguda, Hyderabad from **Borrower: M/s. Suncorp Lifestyles Limited (SLL), Office:** H.No. 6-2-953/A/106 & 107, 1st Floor, Krishna Plaza, Khairtabad, Hyderabad. and **Guarantors: (1) Sri Sunku Ramesh, S/o. S.Venkat Ramana,** Plot No.07, Priya Colony, Phase-I, Kakagu-da, Sec' bad-15. **(2) Sri.K.Srinivasa Rao, S/o. K. Narasimha Rao,** Flat No.302, B-II, Alpine Heights, Rajbhawan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad. **(3) Sri.S.H.V. Kumara Swamy, S/o. Sri.Venkata Subba Rao,** Flat No.202, Siriraj Avenue, Balaji Enclave, Mallikarjuna Colony Old bowenpally, Secunderabad - 500 011. **(4) Sri.K.Narasimha Rao, S/o. K. Pulla Rao,** Flat.No.502, Block - 2, Alpine Heights, D.No.6-3-1085/1 & 1089/3, Rajbavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyd - 500082 & **Off :** D.No.8-2-120/115/14, 5th Floor, Shangrilla Plaza, Road No.2, Banjarahills, Hyderabad-500034. **(5) Smt.K.Anuradha, W/o. K.Narasimha Rao,** Flat No.502, Block.No.2, Alpine Heights, D.No.6-3-1085/1 & 1089/3, Rajbavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad - 500082. **6) Sri.M.Aswani Kumar, S/o. MSN. Murthy,** # 721, Bowen CT, San Ramon, CA-94582, USA. **(7) Sri. P.Ravindranath Thakur, S/o. Sri Rama Murthy,** Plot No.13, BHEL Enclave, Akbar Road, Secunderabad. **(8) Sri.S.Venkatramana, S/o. S.V.Subaiah,** Plot.No.7, Priya Colony, Phase-I, Kakaguda, Secunderabad. **(9) Smt.M.Savithri, W/o. M.Suryanarayana Murthy,** H.No.69 - C, Road.No.15, Film nagar, Hyderabad. **(10) Sri. M.S.K. Prasad, S/o. M.Suryanarayana Murthy,** H.No.69-C, Road.No.15, Film nagar, Hyderabad. **(11) Smt. M.Anuradha, D/o. Sri.M.Surayanarayana Murthy,** H.No.10-2-318/E, Indira Nagar, Vijayanagar Colony, Hyderabad. **(12) Sri.Y.Venkata Sesha Rao, S/o. Sri.Y.Narayana Rao,** # 2208, Lakview, DR, Parlin, Newyork, USA. **(13) Smt.S.Rajeswari, W/o. Sri. S.Venkat Ramana,** Plot No.07, Priya Colony, Phase - I, Kakaguda, Sec-bad - 500015. **(14) Sri Kolla Appa Rao, S/o. Sri. Kolla Pitchaiah,** Plot No.92, 1st Floor, Rail Enclave, Sikh Road, Secunderabad. **(15) Smt Kolla Sangeetha, W/o. Sri.K.Srinivasa Rao,** # 1114, Oakhurst Deive, West Lafavette (SOK) in 47906, USA. **(16) Sri.P.Venkata Narsimha Rao, S/o.P.Sri Rama Murthy,** H.No.49-39-24/1, Akkayyapalem, NGO's Colony, Visakhapatnam. **(17) Sri A.Narahari, S/o. Sri. A.Venkat Rao,** H.No.B-26, Madhuranagar, Hyderabad. **(18) Smt.Sunku Rani, W/o. Sri.S.Ramesh,** Plot No.07, Priya Colony, Phase-I, Kakaguda, Secunderabad. **(19) Smt.K.Rama Devi, W/o. Sri. K.Srinivas Rao,** Flat No.502, B - II, Alphine Heights, Rajbhavan Raod, Somajiguda, Hyd - 500 082. **(20) Smt.A.Neeraja, W/o. Sri. A.Veera Raghavaiah,** D.No.8-7-2/1, Park East Gate, Gandhinagaram, Kakinada. **(21) Sri Kamasamudram Vinod, S/o. Sri.K.Krishnaiah,** D.No.16/518-11 (up stair), opp to Market yard, ward No.16, Devuni Kadapa Road, Kadapa. **(22) Smt.K.Swetha Rani, W/o. K.Vinod,** D.No.16/518-11 (up stair), opp to Market yard, ward No.16, Devuni Kadapa Road, Kadapa. **(23) Smt.N.Sarala Kumari, W/o. Sri. N. Koteswara Rao,** Geetha Mandiram Street, Rythupeta, Nandigama, Krishna Dist. The reserve price, earnest money deposit particulars and short description of the properties with known encumbrances are mentioned below. EMD to be deposited with the Bank on or before **01.12.2020 up to 5:00 P.M**

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that the part and parcel of the property bearing Plot in Sy.Nos.170/1 and 170/2 admeasuring Ac.3-14 gts. situated at Gokare Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Banglore Rural District, belonging to **Sri.S.Ramesh S/o S.Venkataramana** and **Smt. K.Anuradha W/o K.Narasimha Rao, vide Document No.5389/2013, dated:10.10.2013,** registered at office of The Sub Registrar, Devanhalli, Karnataka and bounded by: **North:** Govt Pit & Binnamangala's Land, **South:** 30 Feet Road, **East:** Yudhallappa's Land, **West:** Annappa's Land.

Reserve Price: Rs.7,97,00,000/-; EMD: Rs.79,70,000/-; Bid increment amount: Rs.10,00,000/-; Auction Time: 12.00 Noon to 1.00 P.M

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Date: 23.10.2020, Place: Hyderabad. **Sd/- Authorized Officer, State Bank of India, SAMB-II, Hyderabad.**

IN THE COURT OF THE 36th ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C. MISC NO. 4750 /2020
BETWEEN: MANIKYA .C ... PETITIONER
AND : The Commissioner, Chief Registrar of Birth & Deaths B.B.M.P., North Zone, BENGALURU ...**RESPONDENT**

NOTICE

I, the undersigned counsel for the petitioners filing the case on next date of this publication on behalf of the petitioners i.e., Manikya C. Vs. Registrar of Births & Deaths, Bengaluru, before the 36th A.C.M.M. Bengaluru in C.MISC.NO. 4750/2020 regarding the death of **MOTHER of the petitioner named as NAGAMMA. W/O. CHENNAPPA @ CHINNAPPA, she died on 25.04.1996 at No 496, 8th Cross, 10th Main Road, A.G.B. Badavane, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560 090.**

Any person interested to file their objection in this matter, please file your objection before the court as above on or before 17-11-2020.

S. KALAVATHI, ADVOCATE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sri Thimmaiah G. S/o Lt. Guruswamaiah and Sri Jayarama V. S/o Lt. Venkatappa, both residing at OB Chudahalli Village, Udaypura post, Kanakpura Main Road, Bangalore South Taluk - 560082, are hereby notified that my clients Smt. Kanchana C, Ms. Tejasvinee C and Sri Pawan Kumar C all residing at #901, 39th Cross, 21st Main, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560041, have issued a legal notice dt. 12/10/2020 cancelling the agreement of sale dt. 5/12/2018. Thereafter, my clients have also filed a Caveat Petition in the Honourable City Civil Court at Bangalore in Caveat Pt No. 931/2020, and the honorable High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore in FR No. 11755/2020. You are hereby notified to serve a copy of any petition/suit you wish to institute to us, in furtherance of the above. **Within SEVEN days** from the date of publication of this Notice. Failing which my Client shall proceed with the Sale Transaction.

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East By : Land belongs to Chikkahanumaiah,
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Sai Associates, Advocate
Office at: Flat No.06, Ground Floor, Pranava Complex, 5th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003. Mobile: 7619610590

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This is to bring to the notice of General Public that my clients **Mr. S. Goutham** S/o Venkataramana Murthy & **Mrs. N.S. Anjali Kumar** W/o Late N. Shantha Kumar, are entered into an Agreement of sale for purchase of below mentioned schedule property from its owner **Mr. Goutham Chand** S/o Nathulal R/at No. 684/A (New No. 42/01), Ramanjaneya Main Road, 5th Cross, Srinagar, Bengaluru.

Any person/s, firms, associates, financial Sectors etc., objecting for the purchase or anyone having any right, share, title, interest or any type of claim over the schedule property are hereby called upon to file their objections / claims etc., whatsoever along with documentary proof within FIFTEEN days from the date of this publication with the undersigned, failing which my clients shall proceed with the transaction. Any objections on and after FIFTEEN days will not be binding on my clients.

Schedule Property: Property bearing old No. 84, formed in Sy. No.30 of Gavipura Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, later assigned as Property No. 447/A, Present Municipal No.50 (Old No.84/447-A), having PID No.53-188-50, 3rd Main Road, Nagendra Block, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, consisting of Ground, First & Second Floor and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Private House, North by : Old Site No.84/A, South by : Private House.

Address
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, SYED GHOUSE S/o Syed Abdulla, No. 13, 4th Cross, Chamundi Block, Manjunatha Layout, R.T Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032 have changed my **OLD NAME SYED GHOUSE** to **NEW NAME SYED MUHIT** vide Affidavit Dated 29.10.2020 before the Notary, Siva Kumara. M.N for Change of Name In Govt / Private Documents

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SAKUNTALA MOHAN Spouse of VARIKAZHAYIL KRISHNA MOHANAN Residing at No. SMQ No. P/3/6, Akash Vihar Camp, ASTE Airforce, Opp Brand Factory, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SAKUNTALA MOHAN** to **(NEW NAME) SAKUNTHALA MOHANAN. S.V** vide affidavit dated 17.10.2020 sworn before notary D. Gunashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHLOCHANA, W/o. Army No 13621816P HAV Shishpal Elwa, Village – Ribiya, Post - Khandwa, Dist – Churu, Rajasthan – 331001, have changed my **(OLD NAME) SHLOCHANA** to **(NEW NAME) SULOCHANA DEVI,** Vide Affidavit 28.10.2020, Before The Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **ABHIJNASHREE** D/o **Shiva Kumar,** R/at No.51/52, 2nd Stage, 2nd Cross, Near Presidency School, Anugraha Layout, Bilekahalli, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076 have changed my name to **ABHIJNASHREE SHIVA KUMAR** vide affidavit dated:30/10/2020 Before Notary: **H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya** Bangalore

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I, **REEMA RASHID** D/o **SYED RASHID,** R/at No.202 D Block, Salarpuria Symphony Apartment, Opp: Navaneet Motors, Electronic City Post, Hosur main Road, Hosa Road, Bangalore-560100 have changed my name to **REEMA RASHEED** D/o **SYED RASHEED** vide affidavit dated:31/10/2020 Before Notary **Chanchala Lakshmi** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) NAVEEN, S/o. Ramu, residing at No. B4-712, Godavari Block, National Games Village, Koramangala, Bangalore-560047, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) NAVEEN BANJARA** vide affidavit dated 29/10/2020 sworn before Notary Hemalatha.P., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AISHWARYA KUDVA, W/o. Mr. Karthik Nayak, residing at No. 443/46, 38th Cross, 9th Main, Jayanagar 5th Block, Bangalore - 560041, have changed my name to
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A day after Telangana government halted the disbursement of financial assistance of Rs 10,000 to the flood-affected families in Greater Hyderabad limits, protests erupted across the city at the Zonal and Circle offices of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation on Saturday

FURY DOESN'T END

(Clockwise) Children wade through inundated Balapur area in Hyderabad on Saturday; A Rohingya woman takes part in a rescue programme; A young girl carries an infant through the stagnant waters. Nearly 200 settlements in Balapur continue to have flood waters near their homes after the lake breached a fortnight ago | VINAY MADAPU

ED looks at Bineesh's B'luru link

Agency digs out additional information on two companies he launched in Karnataka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) has started to dig deep into **Bineesh Kodiyeri**'s Bengaluru and Dubai network after the agency unearthed a few additional details about two companies – B Capital Financial Services Private Ltd and Bee Capitals Forex Trading Private Ltd – that he launched in Karnataka.

ED sources said the agency is probing into the financial dealings of the now-defunct companies in detail. The probe agency believes the firms were in existence without conducting any normal business before being struck down by the Registrar of Companies (RoC).

Apart from these companies, the ED is looking into the allegation that Bineesh had made a considerable investment in a hotel launched by Anoop Muhammed at Kammanahalli in Bengaluru. As per the records with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Bineesh Vinodini Balakrishnan (Director's Identification No-0204539) and Anas Valiya Parambath (DIN-07157374) were the directors of the now-extinct companies.

While B Capital Financial was registered on June 8, 2015, Bee Capitals Forex Trading was registered on July 3, 2015. Bengaluru RoC has since struck off both the companies for the non-compliance of rules.

The ED found that Bineesh had transferred funds to Anoop's account and the agency is now collecting the source of money and how much fund was handled by these two companies. "We are verifying the details of a few others from Kerala who have associated with Anoop's hotel project. Many from Kerala including film personalities used to frequent the hotel," an ED official said.

NO NEED FOR KODIYERI TO STEP DOWN: CPM

T'Puram: Keeping in mind the two elections coming up, the CPM has taken a tactically defensive position in the Bineesh Kodiyeri issue. The CPM distanced itself from Bineesh and made clear that if he has done something wrong, he will face consequences. The party central committee meeting threw its weight behind CPM state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan in the arrest of his son Bineesh. The party is of the view that Bineesh should defend himself in the case and the party will not extend any support.

EXPRESS READ

TN schools to reopen after Deepavali

Chennai: AFTER a long wait, the Tamil Nadu government on Saturday announced that students studying in schools – from class 9 upwards – colleges, and research institutions can return to regular classes from November 16, while adhering to Standard Operating Procedures. Similarly, cinema halls that have been shut for more than seven months now have been allowed to resume shows with just 50 per cent capacity. The announcements were made by Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami.

Scam: ED interrogates M Sivasankar

Kochi: M Sivasankar, former principal secretary to the chief minister, was interrogated by Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials in connection with the Wadakkanchery Life Mission project on Saturday. Life Mission CEO U V Jose and Unitac Builders MD Santhosh Eapan were also present at the agency's office in Kochi when Sivasankar was interrogated. The investigation had revealed the involvement of Sivasankar in Wadakkanchery Life Mission project funded by UAE Red Crescent.

Campaign against child labour to start in Tumakuru: Rights body

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), along with several government departments and agencies, will launch a pilot initiative from November to make the state free of child labour. The programme will start with one district – Tumakaru.

Speaking to *The New Sunday Express*, KSCPCR chairperson Dr Anthony Sebastian said the objective is to completely eradicate child labour, which is also a legal offence.

The Commission organised a meeting on October 22 on the prevention of child labour along with Department Women and Child Development, District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Tumakuru, labour and police departments, lawyers and NGOs. "The meeting was facilitated by former advocate general Ravikumar Verma, who has assured all assistance in the Tumakaru project," said Dr Anthony.

During the meeting, the stakeholders decided to form a core committee to work on the initiative. This will oversee the activities such as training of teachers and Anganwadi workers on child labour, conducting research on the number of child labours in the district, formulating a rehabilitation plan based on the available standard operating procedures (SOPs) and to oversee the available funding support for the rescued children.

> *We will hold awareness campaigns and mobile rallies to spread the word against child labour*
>
> - Dr Anthony Sebastian, KSCPCR chairperson

"We plan to train one teacher in every government school, Anganwadi workers and NGOs, through whom we will ensure that each child is in school and there are no dropouts. We will hold awareness campaigns and mobile rallies to spread the word against child labour," said Dr Anthony.

"This will also involve helping families, which have lost their livelihood during the lockdown, get some source of income so that family as a whole remains a cohesive unit and children are not made to bear the brunt," he added. In phase-2, legal action will be taken against those who send or employ children as workers.

The commission chairperson added that Tumakaru has been identified for the pilot project because of various reasons including its proximity to the state capital Bengaluru. The project will take a minimum one year's time.

Dr Sebastian and Bal Bhavan chairperson Chikkamma Basavaraj recently conducted the pre-launch of the KSCPR website and the online grievance registration system 'Kare app.' The public can register their complaints related to child rights violations in English and Kannada. The app will provide real-time status of the complaints registered by the public.

Andhra borrows more than it earns

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Vijayawada

IN the first half of the financial year 2020-21, Andhra Pradesh government's borrowings exceeded Rs 55,169 crore mark, which is more than the actual target for the entire fiscal year.

The borrowings for the first six months exceeded the revenues and the revenue deficit touched Rs 45,472 crore, as disclosed in the State Finance Accounts for the month of September released by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG).

The state has set itself a target of Rs 48,295.59 crore under borrowings and other liabilities, part of Capital receipts (Rs 48,895.58 crore) for the financial year 2020-21. However, in the first half of the current fiscal itself, the State's borrowings from different sources touched Rs 55,189.63, which comes to 114.23 percent of the budget estimates. In the corresponding period of the previous fiscal (2019-20), it was only 46.68 percent of the budget estimates.

When the month-wise borrowings and other liabilities were taken into consideration, maximum was in the month of April (₹16,903.47 crore), followed by May (₹12,515.48 crore), September (₹ 8,038.94 crore) and August (₹7,84.60 crore).

At the same time, the total revenue receipts in the last six months was only Rs 44,915.52 crore, that is 27.73 percent of the budget estimates (Rs 1,61,958.50 crore). For the corresponding period of previous fiscal, it was 29.42 percent of the budget estimates.

Rain, crop loss have affected potato supply

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ACCORDING to the Horticultural Producers' Co-operative Marketing and Processing Society Ltd (Hopcoms), the price of potato per kg is between Rs 55 and Rs 60, depending on the quality and size, while the price of carrot is around Rs 100 per kg in Bengaluru. In Mysuru too, potatoes are being sold at Rs 50 per kg ever since the pandemic-induced lockdown was imposed.

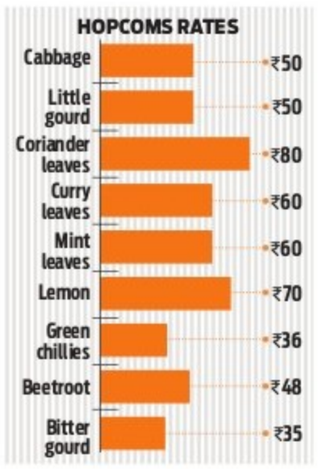
Traders in most parts of Karnataka said that the supply of potatoes from Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and north India has fallen due to lockdown and the subsequent rains. Hassan, which is known as the potato belt of the state, has been badly hit by the heavy rain and poor production, they said.

Uday Shankar, Secretary, Onion and Potato Traders Association, said the produce from Kolar, Chintamani, Hoskote, Chikkaballapur, Bangarpet and surrounding areas has been delayed. In the meantime, the consumption of potatoes in north Indian states has gone up, affecting supply to Karnataka.

Unlike onion, where standing crops were destroyed, this year, the rain has delayed sowing of potato, which means that harvesting will also be delayed.

Traders in Mangaluru said that since wholesale prices have gone up (Rs 32 to Rs 38 per kg), retail prices, in turn, have been affected (Rs 38-40). Anil, a vegetable dealer, said Mangaluru gets two to three truckloads of potato every day from Hassan and prices have increased due to the festive season.

In Belagavi, traders blamed the dwindling arrivals at the yard for the price rise. Last week, while 3,000 quintals arrived, while this week, it was 2,750 quintals, which were auctioned between Rs 2,500 and Rs 4,000 per quintal, slightly higher than last week. They said that local potatoes grown in red soil fetched the highest price of Rs 4,000 per quintal.



According to Hubballi traders, there is not much difference in price in the wholesale market. The price ranged between Rs 1,200 and Rs 3,600 per quintal, depending on size and quality. And a jump of Rs 10 has been seen in the retail market, where potato is now sold at Rs 50 per kg.

"The prices of all vegetables have gone up by 20 per cent, but people are feeling the pinch because the quality offered is not of superior grade. Each time it rains for four-five days, the quality of vegetables is hit and prices rise. But, in the case of potatoes, the prices have gone up slightly because the stock coming in from Jalandhar is less and the season in Karnataka is over," said Hopcoms Managing Director B S Prasad.

He said that last week, potato was sold between Rs 40 and Rs 42 per kg. "Potato is sown twice a year, first during May and then during October, and the crop has not yet been harvested. This year, the crop has been poor in Karnataka and the rain added to the woes. There is not sufficient stock in storage, thus there has been a slight rise in price," he explained.

(With inputs from K Shivakumar (Mysuru), Pramodkumar Vaidya (Hubballi), Vincent D'Souza (Mangaluru), Naushad Bijapur (Belagavi), Ramachandra V Gunari (Shivamogga)

ENGG FIRM LOOKS TO KIADB FOR LAND

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Karwar

WHILE the KSSIDC is yet to respond to the request of ADD Engineering Components (India) Pvt Ltd (AECPL) to allocate land to set up an industrial unit in the Nelamangala Industrial Area, the company is now banking on the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) to allocate land at an alternative site.

Accordingly, the firm has applied for a half-an-acre plot at the Tumakuru Machine Tool Park. AECPL director L Girish said that considering his efforts and after successfully establishing a design centre in Bengaluru, KIADB authorities have given him a positive response by suggesting that they apply for a patch of land in Tumakuru. "I hope the government will make up for the delay in establishing the industrial unit and allocate the required land at the earliest," he told *TNSE*.AECPL is planning to set up a manufacturing unit under Make in India and Aatmanirbhar initiatives.

"We want to be a part of the defence sector's dream to achieve self-reliance in defence technology. we are working with several international firms to bring in the best technology into the country," he said.

AECPL, which started a design centre in Bengaluru in 2015, has enrolled several experts including Norbert Kreller who has three decades of experience in the cutting tools industry.

HAPPY TURN

95% Covid patients in Chennai discharged

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

NINETY five per cent of Covid-19 patients in Chennai have been discharged as on October 31, bringing the percentage of active cases to 3.2 and death to 1.8.

Almost all the Corporation zones have a discharge rate of 95 per cent and above, while in Sholinganallur, 97 per cent of patients have been discharged.

The city is currently recording around 700 cases every day and Corporation officials said the number might go down if the trend continues. "Around 12,000 people are being tested every day in the city and the positivity rate is only around 6 per cent. This is a good sign," a Public Health Department official said. According to experts, a positivity rate of five percent or below indicates that the spread has been contained well. However, the number of people attending fever camps in the city has also come down.

On October 30, a total of 14,463 people attended the fever camps, which is lower than the daily average of about 20,000 earlier in the month. According to sources, about 40 per cent of the city's population has so far attended the fever camps.

STARRY EYED

Superstar Rajini ambivalent on political plunge, but BJP optimistic

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

SUPERSTAR Rajinikanth says in one of his movies -- No one can tell when or how I'll arrive – but I always do, when the time is right.

It seems the right time has not yet come for him to take a plunge into politics. He seems to have been in a dilemma in the last three years – to be or not to be in politics.

With Rajinikanth being ambivalent on making his political bow for the 2021 Tamil Nadu assembly polls and hinting that he would announce his political stand after consultation with his fans club, BJP is hopeful. In a note purportedly written by the actor, he allegedly has cited the Covid-19 pandemic, his age, health condition and uncertainty over the availability of a vaccine as reasons for his decision to call it quits.

But the BJP is still optimistic that Rajinikanth will back those for the development of Tamil Nadu and its nationalistic programmes. The party is seeing hope in the actor's previous statements where he has lauded Prime Minister Modi's programmes and his leadership on many occasions.

When asked about Rajinikanth keeping off politics due to the pandemic risk, Tamil Nadu BJP in-charge C T Ravi said that he wished for the good health of the actor.

Asked whether there are plans to reach out to Rajinikanth, Ravi said that the actor would support BJP's vision for development and its strong nationalistic agenda and its programmes. He said the party has bright opportunities and wants to be an alternative on its own.

He said the BJP is open to all those who believe in the party's ideology and programmes. Ravi cited the recent entry to the party of film star Kushboo and IPS officer Annamalai.

"We are not in a hurry nor do we have illusions that we will turn the tables overnight in Tamil Nadu. We will proceed with a positive approach. We will see those who are getting disenchanted with the Dravidian parties joining us in the coming years, he said.

In a bid to consolidate the Hindu votes, BJP plans to take out Vetrivel yatra, a month-long one, beginning from Tiruttani to launch their party campaign in the run-up to the assembly election slated in the mid of 2021.

Despite the opposition demand to ban its yatra, Ravi said that the party will launch its yatra and tell the people on the need for change in Tamil Nadu and explain the party's approach and vision for the development of Tamil Nadu.

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SCHADENFREUDE AND SPECTRE OF SECOND WAVE

THE THIRD EYE

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THE quest to understand what works in tackling the pandemic has been a global obsession — particularly among epidemiologists, politicos, policy wonks and punters in the market. The received wisdom of theorists was that Europe had cracked the puzzle leading to lament across the US — juxtaposition of falling cases in Europe with the rising curve in the US made the narrative politically seductive.

Fact is context matters. Countries which have balanced citizens' rights and obligations have done better. Political optics of doing well frequently rests on others doing badly — triggering schadenfreude, that bizarre sensation of satisfaction from witnessing suffering elsewhere. Schadenfreude has German origins but it is not without consanguineous cousins in the neighbourhood. The French experience joie maligne — literally, diabolical delight in other people's suffering. The Danes know it as skadefryd, the Swedes say Skadeglädje, the Russians call it zloradstvo.

This week, Europe woke up from the false dawn to a state of alarm. Faced with a spike in cases, its biggest economies Germany and France locked down. Spiralling cases saw the Czech Republic impose a dusk to dawn curfew. Italy shuttered cinemas and gyms and directed early closure of bars and restaurants. In Russia, Vladimir Putin ordered a national mask mandate as the case count spiked. Ironically, China which is where the virus emanated from, continues to retain bragging rights and experience xing-zai-le-huo, which is schadenfreude in Mandarin.

India may or may not have a phrase for schadenfreude in one of its many languages but the surge in Europe and the fears haunting winter-bound North America hold lessons for its people. For sure, India can draw comfort from the low case mortality and recovery rate as indeed in the drop in infections from over 97,000 cases to 45,000. However, there is no room for complacency. For sure, India has the advantage of a younger populace and does not face the kind of winter which is setting in on the northern hemisphere. Yet, the threat of resurgence is real —given the size of its populace, given the context of densities of population and poverty and the reality of poor air quality due to pollution. The scale of contagiosity is illustrated by the series of sero survey reports — almost everyone knows of or has had someone in the family infected by COVID-19.

India is in festival season — the risks of infectious outbreaks during festivals have been recorded as early as in 1861 by the Royal Commission on health. In the past months, spikes in infection have followed after Ganesh Chaturthi in Mumbai, following Jagannath Rath Yatra in Odisha, Onam in Kerala and Dussehra in Delhi. It is with good reason that PM Narendra Modi warned in his address to the nation, "In this festive season, markets are bright again but we need to remember that the lockdown might have ended but COVID-19 still persists."

The relaxation of lockdown may have been calibrated but public behaviour has been far from exemplary in terms of social distancing or mask wearing. Aggravating the culture of complacency and wilful neglect are interpretations of tangential theories — like the one doing the rounds in the WhatsApp universe on how poor living conditions render immunity from COVID-19. Fact is conditions didn't grant immunity or prevent deaths among poor Blacks and Hispanics in the US.

Then there is the persistent intellectualisation of the construct of herd immunity. There is as yet no clear view on immunity — instances abound of those contracting the virus again even if some of those infected have been asymptomatic. The lifespan of the antibodies spawned post recovery is yet being assessed and studies show the durability of these depend on intensity, on existing conditions, age of those infected and unknowns. Finally, the vaccine is as yet a hope on the horizon and its safety, efficacy and durability are matters being analysed by experts. The spectre of infection spike in what is loosely defined as second wave is about lives and about livelihoods. Not every country can print currency to pave a path of stimulus, not many countries can borrow to fund consumption, jobs and lives. India's state governments have struggled to arrest the spread of the virus even as they loosened the controls to open up engagement of people with the economy.

Yes, the economy appears to be recovering but it is useful to remember mass public transport systems, schools, colleges and most importantly the face-to-face economy employing millions are barely open — and for good reasons as the threat of the virus persists. The stock market may suggest a Panglossian outlook. The reality is the pandemic is scarring and reconfiguring the structural contours of the political economy.

Fact is per capita income as per IMF is expected to recover only by 2023. SMEs and the self-employed are perched on the brink of distress or have slid into penury. The delinquency-level of small loans and credit card subscribers, the queue for restructuring of loans are nominal indicators of the state of individual and institutional balance sheets. The next wave and possible lockdowns will threaten not just livelihoods, but existence of millions.

How India does in the next few decades will be determined by public policy and the conduct of Indians over the next few weeks.

WHO CAN RESIST THE MAGIC OF ORATORY

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

DONALD TRUMP damaged American democracy as much as Boris Johnson damaged the British. But the intrinsic strength of the American and British systems will make their recovery easy. Unfortunately that cannot be said about India. The damage inflicted by Narendra Modi's use of power to promote Hindutva partisanship on the one hand and his own persona on the other will not lend itself to easy repair. Not only has he been at it for six years with four more to go; he has been mutilating the fundamentals of democratic assumptions that had served India well all these years.

Consider a few highlights of the Modi years. Parliament has been reduced to nothingness with (a) the abolition of Question Hour, (b) discontinuation of the system of parliamentary committees scrutinising bills, (c) discontinuing the system of "division", a device to find out what members want done on a particular issue, and (d) virtually no debates; seven bills were passed in three hours when the opposition benches were empty. The Union Cabinet has become a toothless wonder with no role to play. The civil services have largely been reduced to a pack of yes-men. And there is virtually no opposition, thanks to Rahul Gandhi who wants neither a defined role nor a clear-cut policy line. He just likes to drift.

In the circumstances how can Narendra Modi not be authoritarian. That he has become that is clear to all. Rahul Bajaj spoke of the "environment of fear" in the business community. Ajay Piramal referred to "mistrust between people who are in power and people who are wealth creators". Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw said, "We are all pariahs." Infosys legend Narayana Murthy who used to be outspoken about our "dirtiest rivers, highest pollution" went diplomatically silent. But Adani and Ambani rose to unprecedented heights of achievements. As Ravi Kant put it in '*The Rise of Monopolists In Modi's India*', "the key to Ambani's soaring wealth is not innovation but monopoly... in telecom, oil, retail, entertainment. There are many instances where he has used his political support within the ruling government to subvert laws in his favour."

The country's economy suffered in the process. Industrialist Harsh Goenka listed it out: Fisheries are in a bad way, liquor companies are in liquidation, paper mills are folding up, road companies have reached the end of the road, bakeries have run out of dough, toy-making companies are winding down, restaurants are shutting down and it's curtain time for cinemas. Any serious political leadership will concentrate its full attention on finding ways to meet such a crisis. Not Modiji. Look at the way he solved the Corona crisis. He simply declared: "The battle of Kurukshetra was won in 18 days. Our war against Corona will take 21 days." (How meaningless can a nation's leader get!)

According to the Asia Power Index put out by an Australian think tank, "India exerts less influence in the region than expected given its available resources." Even Bangladesh is overtaking India in GDP

Where action is needed, silence is the policy. China has been getting unusually aggressive; some areas in Ladakh have been occupied by them and some of our men taken out. Our Prime Minister does nothing. There are many instances of announcing grand plans and then forgetting them. In his Independence Day oration, he promised optical fibre connectivity for all villages, medical ID card for every citizen, etc. Nothing happened, perhaps because the Prime Minister wants to make the same promises at the next Independence Day oration.

The danger is that other nations pay less attention to oration and more to action. China has been gaining ground, not only in Ladakh but also in global influence. According to the Asia Power Index put out by an Australian think tank, "India exerts less influence in the region than expected given its available resources." Even Bangladesh is overtaking India in GDP terms. Sri Lanka did so recently. And China is emerging as a powerful ally of these countries.

Indian leadership is either not noticing what is happening or is unable to comprehend it and take action. The impression cannot be avoided that India is losing out because our Prime Minister understands success in different ways. That he can work magic with his oratory has perhaps led him to believe that that kind of magic-making is what a leader needs.

Words are what matter in Modi's reckoning, deeds are secondary. The real tragedy is that Narendra Modi will never understand this. He is an orator, not a thinker. He is a man of words, not action. He talks. And that's all.

A CASE FOR AN INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

OPINION

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FOR some time now, there has been a demand for an Indian Medical Service (IMS) similar to other all-India services such as the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and the Indian Police Service (IPS). Successive governments have looked at this issue, but there has not been much progress on this front. Most recently, in 2017, the Government of India sought views from the State governments on creating an Indian Medical Service. Challenges driven by the COVID-19 pandemic has reinvigorated the request from the medical fraternity for the Indian Medical Service.

Why do we need a separate service?

The Constitution of India confers the responsibility of the health of its citizen to the States, while population control and interstate infectious and contagious disease control is the joint responsibility of both the Centre and the State. However, due to fiscal and institutional capacity issues at the State level, the Centre has been taking a lead in the design of several health schemes which is not covered in their list of responsibilities. For example, the Universal Immunisation Plan and the National Health Mission are central health schemes rolled out through States with varying levels of fiscal support. To design such programmes, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has centrally funded institutes to advise them. However, due to a sub-optimal Centre–State collaboration, and low technical know-how at the State level, the implementation of health schemes has seen heterogeneous health outcomes across the country. The issue of a low Centre–State collaboration has also been highlighted by a WHO report that analysed the public health system of India.

Similar capacity issues arise when States need to design specific health interventions. The National Health Policy 2017 also identifies decentralisation of decision-making as one of its key policy principles. This calls for augmentation of capacity at the State-level, and the creation of a cadre of healthcare service is the right first step in that direction.

Road ahead

Established in 1764 in British India, Indian Medical Service was a military medical service which also had civilian functions. It was abolished in August 1947. The Mudaliar Committee had in 1961 recommended the creation of a central service. In the current system, we have doctors, who enter service through the Central Health Service, serving at central health institutions and managing health programmes of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. They lack any sort of experience in the State, nor do they serve at districts like the IAS and IPS. Scaling up this service is not an option.

So, how should a healthcare service be structured? We looked at two existing specialist services — the Indian Economic Service (IES) and the Indian Forest Service (IFS). While the IES caters to economic analysis and policy advice to the Centre, the mandate of IFS is to implement the national forest policy. When it comes to eligibility, IES requires a post-graduate in economics, and IFS requires a graduate degree with one of the subjects relevant to forestry offering selection from a pool of applicants with relevant educational background.

If we are to reach the goals of NHP 2017 of attaining the highest possible level of health and well-being without anyone having to face financial hardship, the central government has to take on a holistic role of promoting equity. COVID-19 has further highlighted the criticality of coordinated planning and response

The Indian Medical Association made a pitch for an Indian Medical Service on National Doctor's Day on July 1 backed by several associations of doctors. They believe that having a specialised service manned by qualified doctors will truly help improve health administration and better informed policymaking. Is a service made up of doctors the way forward, or would we be better served by having a service with officers from diverse healthcare-related background called the Indian Health Service (IHS)?

Public health is "the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health through the organised efforts and informed choices of society, organisations, public and private communities, and individuals." To do this, a multi-disciplinary approach is needed. This will require us to raise a service with officers who have related basic educational qualifications beyond medical education. We need to select from a pool of candidates with degrees in medicine, epidemiology, sociology, biostatistics, economics, and such. A comprehensive service training programme in public health, health administration, management, and public policy must be introduced to enable these officers become competent public health administrators.

Further issues

If we are to reach the goals of NHP 2017 of attaining the highest possible level of health and well-being without anyone having to face financial hardship, the central government has to take on a holistic role of promoting equity. COVID-19 has further highlighted the criticality of coordinated planning and response. As recommended by the High-Level Group (HLG) on the health sector constituted by the Fifteenth Finance Commission, we need to discuss the issue of empowering the central government by moving health to the Concurrent List. The essence of co-operative federalism is that the Centre and the State Governments should be guided by the broader national concerns of using the available resources for the benefit of the people. They must continue their dialogue in this matter.

Our health system is under-serving the needs of a growing population. It needs an injection of fresh energy through a cadre of dedicated personnel. After all, for an Atmanirbhar Bharat, we first need a Swasth Bharat.

Views expressed are personal

QUOTE CORNER

Canadians understand that newcomers are playing an outsized role in stepping up to fill some of our most acute labour shortages and that growing our population is imperative if we want to leverage the advantages we have and keep competitive.

Marco Mendicino, Canadian Immigration Minister

I tell the Lebanese people, who are facing despairing hardships, I say that I am dedicated to my promise to them to work on stopping the collapse that is threatening our economy, our security...

Saad Hariri, former Lebanese Prime Minister

The intensifying attack on human rights in Hong Kong has been ramped up another notch with this politically motivated arrest in which a peaceful student activist has been charged and detained solely because authorities disagree...

Joshua Rosenzweig, Amnesty International's China team head

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Bihar poll a test for PM, Nitish

The new Grand Alliance in Bihar is a coalition of anti-BJP political parties in the Assembly polls. In fact, the final verdict of present polls is indeed a litmus test regarding public acceptability or popularity of both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. In fact, it is pertinent to highlight the reality that the BJP alone is the only pan Indian party enjoying formidable power by way of absolute majority at the Centre by a single party.That means, it is quite natural that alliance by splinter parties to encounter the BJPwill not have worthwhile longevity in Indian political scenario eventually.

BVK Thampi, Thiruvananthapuram

Trouble for students, parents

As a parent I am writing this article, the year 2020 is almost over with the fear of COVID-19 pandemic, lockdowns and floods. During such a time, universitys and colleges for their own selfish interest of survival started the substandard online classes for collection of full fees with reduced syllabus without practicals. Exams are being held putting students and their parents in trouble by making them vulnerable to COVID-19 apart from monitory exploitation. If any student gets infected, will the universities and colleges bear the hospital cost ? Ultimately, students and their parents are losers for the substandard education during pandemic times. It is better that the UGC, the central and the States should declare zero academic year than having sub-standard education.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

NEET quota a blessing

Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit's green signal to the Quota Bill allocating reservation to government school students for admission to undergraduate medical courses is a moral victory for the EPS- led government. It is also a blessing in disguise for the government students who have hitherto been deprived of studying medicines since the launch of NEET. There is no hiatus for its implementation as the Constitution legally empowers the States to make special provision for the uplift of socially and economically backward atudents. Moreover, the States too get relief from decision over holding the NEET.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

Pakistan's designs exposed

Pakistan minister Fawad Chaudhry's bravado in publicly accepting the role of Islamabad behind the Pulwama attack has not only exposed its double standards against India but also proved that it is the exporter of terrorism to the entire world. How can Pakistan deny the truth when its minister himself admitted the country's hand in the terror attack publicly? Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan will certainly find it hard to prove that his government is not funding terrorism in any form to the world.It's time that the leaders in Pakistan realised the futility of engaging a proxy war with its big neighbour.

Bijumon PN, Idukkihi

Condemn terrorist attacks

The terrorist attacks in France needs to be denounced in strongest terms. It is strange that such attacks are more common in democratic countries rather than in dictatorships and authoritarian regimes. Many Islamic nations instead of condemning these attacks have opposed Macron's call to end terrorism. In India, it should be a matter of concern that many fringe groups have been holding protests against Macron.

KR Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru

EC should act firmly

This is with reference to the article 'Why isn't EC cracking whip on Bihar COVID norms violators?' In this election season, the poll panel has a lot on its plate. The Bihar elections seems to have gone out of its hands. Neither the political parties nor the voters have paid heed to the Covid norms and regulations set by the EC for the polls. The EC should act soon against gross misconduct in Bihar elections or risk being labeled a hypocrite.

R Krishnamachary, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sukhbir Singh Badal @officeofssbadal
It is a sad day for democracy if policy makers have become so out of touch with the agriculture sector that they do not realise that farmers bore the brunt of the pandemic

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
From the false to truth. From darkness to light. From death to life. Thank you Dadi for showing me what it means to live these words

Kailash Vijayvargiya @KailashOnline
West Bengal BJP will fight the assembly election with Dilip Ghosh as its state president. There is no question of replacing him

PM Modi waves after he arrived from Kevadia via India's first seaplane at Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad | PTI

PM hopes 'filthy politics' on Pulwama will stop

Attacks Congress, says 'admission' in Pak senate will silence party

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

SHARPENING attack on the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that while the nation was grieving the Pulwama terror attack, in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed, there were a few who were looking for political interests in the tragedy.

In the backdrop of the statements made in the Pakistani Senate, Prime Minister said that he bore all the attacks in silence as some indulged in 'filthy politics'.

The prime minister's sharp attack came during an address to security personnel who took out 'Ekta parade' at Kevadia in Gujarat on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sardar Ballabh Bhai Patel.

The Prime Minister's veiled attack on the Congress followed BJP leaders reminding statements made by the former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi in the wake of the Pulwama attack and subsequent punitive actions by India against the terror launch pad in Pakistan.

> **The country cannot forget the unwarranted statements made after the Pulwama attack. Dirty politics laced with selfishness and arrogance was at its peak when the country was suffering from immense pain** —PM Modi

"The country cannot forget the unwarranted statements made after the Pulwama attack. Dirty politics laced with selfishness and arrogance was at its peak when the country was suffering from immense pain," said the PM.

A leader of a political party in Pakistan had purportedly claimed credits for the Pulwama terror attack, while an Opposition leader had asserted that the fear of an imminent Indian attack had set off nervous breakdown in the military leadership, leading to the release of the Wing Commander Abhinandan Warthman.

"The statements made in the Pakistani Senate have bared truth of the Pulwama terror attack. They have also exposed the political leaders who for their vested interests could go to any extent. From here, I will like to call upon them that for the sake of the morale of the Armed forces they should desist from such petty politics," said Modi.

Emergency use nod sought for Covaxin

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

WEEKS after the central government revealed that it is considering emergency use authorization of Covid-19 vaccine, Bharat Biotech, backed by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has approached the country's apex drug regulator for restricted use permission for Covaxin in high risk groups, this newspaper has gathered.

Covaxin, developed by the Hyderabad based company, in collaboration with the ICMR, country's first indigenous Covid-19 vaccine candidate and is currently set to enter phase 3 trials on over 24,000 individuals. The vaccine candidate has been derived from attenuated SARS CoV 2, isolated at the ICMR's National Institute of Virology, Pune.

"Bharat Biotech has started a conversation with the Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation (CDSCO) for EUA to Covaxin and it is the discretion of the regulator to take a final decision but we, at the ICMR, are fully supporting it, based on the evidence," Dr Samiran Panda, chief scientist at the ICMR told this newspaper.

The same was also confirmed by the sources in the CDSCO who said that they have received a proposal by the firm recently and it is being "assessed before being taken up formally." Panda, who is also a senior member of the National Expert Group on Covid-19 Vaccine Administration, meanwhile added that the ICMR will also back other vaccine makers for EUA if the results from the animal and pre-clinical studies and phase I and II trials are strong. "We have been generating evidence in support of Covaxin which is very strong to make a case for EUA and have also been having scientific dialogue over the issue," Panda also said.

A spokesperson of Bharat Biotech, when approached for its response on the development, meanwhile declined to comment. Sources said that Serum Institute of India, which is Indian partner for the Oxford University—AstraZeneca's Covishield vaccine is waiting for the UK phase 3 trial results and based on the evidence, the company — if permitted by the CDSCO — may supply the vaccine for limited use.

Last month, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan had said that the Centre is mulling EUA of Covid-19 vaccine especially for senior citizens.

"This shall be done after a consensus has been reached", Vardhan had declared, while interacting with his social media followers in a weekly event. Other countries, like the United States (USA) too, have declared the same intent and only recently pharmaceutical major Pfizer whose coronavirus vaccine is currently in phase 3 trial in the country has announced that it will be available for emergency use by the end of the year.

A paper published in the ICMR's Indian Journal of Medical Research in September too had backed the idea saying that given the context of public health emergencies and the need for novel vaccines, EUA for coronavirus vaccines could help save lives.

"In parallel, robust data systems and a data safety monitoring board will need to be put in place so that post-administration follow up data are clearly tracked and safety issues flagged up early," it had said.

> **Bharat Biotech is in conversation with CDSCO for EUA to Covaxin and it is the discretion of the regulator to take a final decision but we are fully supporting it** —Dr Samiran Panda, ICMR Scientist

EXPRESS READ

NSA imposed in eight Rajasthan districts

JAIPUR: With the Gujjar Mahapanchayat announcing to re-launch the quota agitation from November 1, the Rajasthan government has placed eight Gujjar-dominated districts under the National Security Act (NSA). Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code has been imposed in the Bharatpur, Dholpur, Dausa, Tonk, Bundi, Karauli, Sawai Madhopur and Jhalawar districts of the state.

SCINIDIA OFFERED ₹50 CR: EX-MINISTER

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

THREE days ahead of the crucial bypolls to 28 assembly seats, former MP minister and senior Congress MLA Umang Singhar Singhar on Saturday claimed that seven months back, BJP's Rajya Sabha MP **Jyotiraditya Scindia** had offered him ₹50 crore and a minister's post if he quit his party.

Singhar is a three-time MLA from Gandhwani seat of Dhar district. He made the charges at an election rally in Badnawar constituency of Dhar, but did not name the politician who had made the offer. When the state BJP president VD Sharma dared him to name the person, Singhar made the sensational claim about Scindia on Saturday. "When many Congress MLAs went to Bengaluru, Scindia ji told me that I had no future in the Congress. He said if I switched to the BJP, I would get ₹50 crore and a minister's post, for which he had already got the BJP leadership's nod. But I politely declined the offer and told Scindia ji that I never believed in politics of opportunism," Singhar told the media on Saturday.

The former minister also claimed on Saturday that sensing defeat in the Nov 3 by-polls, the BJP has already started working on Plan B by trying to win over more Congress MLAs. Singhar, a powerful tribal politician from Malwa-Nimar region, was Forest Minister in the erstwhile Kamal Nath-led Congress government. He is the nephew of former deputy CM late Jamuna Devi.

While being the minister in the Nath government, Singhar had hit out at former CM Digvijaya Singh last year, accusing him of trying to run the Congress government from behind the scenes.

BACKING

'France terror attack result of infrastructure of radicalism'

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE @New Delhi

AMID the twin attacks in France, India has urged for a coordinated response on states supporting terror and radicalism. "Terrorism and the radicalism that gives rise to it are the most chilling form of censorship...they threaten our cherished democratic freedoms and our shared republican ideals. Events of the past week in Paris and Nice have been horrific. India stands by France. It has the backing of states and organised institutions. You know who they are. We cannot and should not postpone a coordinated and definitive response," sources said.

The remarks come days after a teenage beheaded a teacher in Paris for showing a caricature of Prophet Mohammed and also following a knife attack at a church in Nice which left three persons dead.

REMEMBRANCE

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra pays tribute to ex-PM Indira Gandhi on her 36th death anniversary | SHEKHAR YADAV

Losses in onion supply due to absence of adequate cold chain infrastructure: Panel

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THE late kharif season is September-November while rabi sowing starts in November and is harvested in January-April. Given the 5-6 months gap between rabi and early kharif, there has to be enough onion stored to keep the supply chain running from April to October. But this year, there was less summer stock while the new onion supply was hit because of heavy rainfall in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, the major onion-producing states.

The RBI report had said that prices tend to rise when rabi onion stock starts to deplete and kharif onion is yet to hit the market. To ensure enough supply, it had called for enhanced cold storage capacity.

The RBI report also pointed out an asymmetry in production and storage of onion. While onion is cultivated thrice, it is only the rabi onion that is amenable to storage. About 60% of the onion production takes place in the rabi season, which is stored to meet the domestic as well as export demand till the arrival of the kharif onion in October-November.

The parliamentary standing committee had also observed that "one of the main reasons for high losses in the supply chain of perishables was the absence of adequate and efficient cold chain infrastructure right from the farm gate to the consumers."

Nanasaheb Patil, a Maharashtra-based farmer and director of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India, said bad weather was one of the main reasons behind the ongoing onion crisis.

He said onion crop in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana was damaged by the heavy rains. "During August, onion supply is fulfilled by these three states, which was disrupted due to the bad weather," he said.

INTEGRATED COLD CHAIN PROJECTS

Year	Sanctioned	Cancelled	Completed	Ongoing
2015-16	34	8	24	2
2016-17	113	25	61	27
2017-18	76	25	2	49
2018-19	30	2	0	28

2019-20: Expression of interest was issued on 29.01.2020 for filling up the vacant slots that arose due to withdrawal of projects by promoters or cancellation

Star campaigner row: Nath moves SC against EC's order

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE @New Delhi

FORMER Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath has approached the Supreme Court challenging Election Commission's decision to revoke his star campaigner status for violations of the model code during campaign for the by-polls in 28 assembly constituencies in the state.

The poll panel on Friday taking note of alleged breach of 'ethical and dignified behaviour' revoked the 'star campaigner' status of the senior Congress leader.

> **Kamal Nath, being a leader of a political party, had repeatedly breached ethical and dignified behaviour**
>
> Election Commission order

Challenging the order, Kamal Nath in his plea said, "It is right of the party to nominate a person as a star campaigner and the Election Commission cannot interfere with the party decision. The decision is a breach of the fundamental right of expression and movement."

"Kamal Nath, being a leader of a political party, had repeatedly breached ethical and dignified behaviour," the commission said in its order.

If no longer a star campaigner, the former chief minister's campaign, travel, stay and other expenses will be from the his own pocket. A star campaigner's expenses go to the party account and can be unlimited.

Kamal Nath also said he never received any notice before his privileges being revoked.

The former chief minister had earlier been warned by the EC after he used the word 'item' for a woman BJP candidate.

By-elections are to be held on November 3 in the state.

Senior advocate and Rajya Sabha member Vivek Tankha said, "We firmly believe that it's not the Election Commission which can add or delete any name from the list of star campaigners, as it's the sole prerogative of the political party concerned. Also, the ECI order is the violation of our state party president Kamal Nath's fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression," Tankha later said.

Congress leader Digvijaya Singh said that he is shocked by the commission's order.

Provision for visiting faculty to enhance training

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The new rules are applicable to all proposed medical colleges and to the established medical colleges proposing to increase their annual MBBS intake from the academic year 2021-22.

During the transitory period, the already existing medical colleges will be governed by the relevant regulations prior to the current notification.

"The new standards have been defined keeping the functional requirements of the institution," the union health ministry said. "These allow optimization and flexibility in utilizing available resources and harnessing modern educational technology tools to facilitate the moving towards quality education even when resources are relatively scarce." As for the teaching faculty, over and above the minimum prescribed faculty, a provision for "visiting faculty" has been made to enhance quality of training.

Two new teaching departments have now become mandatory in all medical college hospitals for the training of undergraduate medical students.

These include the department of emergency medicine, which replaces the earlier casualty department.

CJI Bobde lauds virtual hearing by apex court

NEW DELHI: Applauding the efforts of fellow colleague's in the time of pandemic, CJI S A Bobde on Saturday said through virtual hearings the SC maintained the rule of law and justice dispensation continued uninterrupted. CJI said how the Covid-19 created a challenge for physical hearings and virtual hearings could not become a proper solution as it created a divide between those who could afford technology and who couldn't.

"We tried to let the SC function in a restricted way but realised it wasn't possible to safely continue court in that way. The pandemic was something as if heaven fell. A walk around the Court showed that no social distancing was being maintained. But there is an old saying in law that let justice be done though the heavens may fall," CJI said. *ENS*

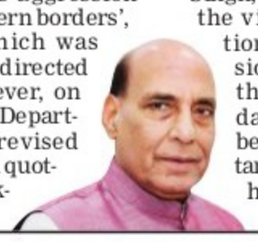
PANDEMIC

2+2 talks: US omits Rajnath's 'reckless aggression' remark

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

THE US has changed the transcript of Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh**'s opening remarks at the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue and omitted the words "reckless aggression in the north".

The US State Department, following the conclusion of the 2+2 Dialogue had issued a release which quoted Singh as saying 'reckless aggression on India's northern borders', a statement which was perceived to be directed at China. However, on Friday the State Department issued a revised statement which quoted Singh as talking about the challenges that India was facing on the defence front.



The MEA too had downplayed the comment and ministry spokesperson Anurag Srivastava on Thursday, in response to a question on the same, had urged people to look at the defence minister's video of the opening remarks which was available in the public domain.

Singh, speaking in Hindi in the video, nowhere mentioned reckless aggression. "The challenges that we are facing today, our partnership becomes all the important because of them," he said.

Social activists call for strenthening bridges in Bihar

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ROADS and bridges in the area are washed away every year in the floods. With no government succour, these bridges are built by local musclemen, who invest ₹75,000-1.25 lakh and make a quick buck by imposing "toll tax." Those who cross the bridges on foot are charged ₹5 while motorcyclists have to pay ₹10. Some of the 'chechri puls' are sturdy enough for four-wheelers, which are charged ₹100-150.

The "toll-tax collectors" have been constructing the 'chechri puls' for the last several generations, locals said. According to them, politicians promise to solve their problem every election but they forget as soon as they get over. "There is a total of 52 'chechri puls' in the entire block. Several politicians have come and gone, but none of them has cared to do anything for this region," said Kaisar Imam, who was going to Muzaffarpur on his motorcycle. "If they could not construct bridges, they could have at least made it toll free," he added. Sixty-year-old Sohi Sahni said the 'chechri puls' have been in existence for as long as he remembers. "These bridges were constructed even before we were born, they connect the region to Muzaffarpur."

Sahni said the bridges are temporary as they get washed away in the very first rainfall of the monsoon season following which the movement of the people gets restricted.

But, those who make these 'chechri puls' claimed they have been serving the people since generations. "People of all 26 panchayats under the Aurai block use these bridges. This is for the welfare of the people. We make these bridges every year and they are used by everyone. People give us money as per their capability," claimed Mahendra Sahni.

Maa Sunder Devi, an elderly woman, claimed that every four-five years she has seen government officials taking measurement to construct a bridge over the Bagmati and Lakhandei rivers but nothing had been done in the last 50 years.

Another local alleged that the musclemen deliberately damage the roads during the floods and construct the 'chechri puls' for an easy source of income. "At some places they earn ₹2,000-2,500 a day for over six months by making a one-time investment," said Nagendra Kumar of Babangama village.

Kumar said a 'chechri-free' Aurai has always been an election issue, but nothing has been done on this. A local activist, who has been raising his voice against the bridges, said the only solution was to protect the area from floods, which can be done only by repairing and widening the Lakhandei dam.

SOUMITRA CRITICAL

Legendary Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee was given blood transfusion following a slight drop in his haemoglobin count and his health condition remained critical, doctors at a Kolkata hospital said

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TRAINER HELD FOR RAPING WOMAN IN UP'S BASTI

Ahmedabad	33	19	Mumbai	36	21
Bhopal	34	21	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	37	22	Patna	35	25
Amritsar	35	19	Lucknow	35	21
Chennai	33	25	Port Blair	29	24
Kolkata	35	27	Imphal	32	19
Srinagar	27	5	Chandigarh	31	15

Kabul steps up onion supply, domestic prices may fall soon

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

WITH onion prices skyrocketing in India, the supply of the kitchen staple from Afghanistan has surged. More than 75 truckloads of the crop are coming daily at the Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Attari border. More supply is expected, leading to a fall in prices soon.

Sources said on Friday 78 trucks came from Afghanistan and 45 a day earlier carrying about 40 metric tonnes (20,000 to 40,000 kg per truck). The supply trucks came from the wholesale market of Kabul to the ICP of Attari via Pakistan. Before that 25 trucks came in the last one week.

Most of the onion is imported by traders in Punjab and Delhi. These traders book their consignments with those based in Afghanistan. It takes about two weeks for a consignment to reach India. The payment is made in advance and at times it is on credit depending on the relationship between the traders.

Former Chairman of CII (Amritsar Zone) Rajdeep Uppal said he expects the prices to stabilize soon. "The onion is cheaper in Afghanistan. We get it for around ₹30-32 per kg, including the transportation cost, from Afghanistan. There is no customs duty."

"The Afghan onion is not of high quality in comparison with the one grown in Maharashtra or Madhya Pradesh. The Afghan onion is a little bigger in size and its taste is also different. The onion trade with Afghanistan has been going on for many decades," said another trader Amarvir Singh.

Though the trade with Pakistan through the Attari-Wagah land route is suspended, trucks carrying the onion continue to arrive from Afghanistan through this route under a bilateral transit trade agreement between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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Amarvir Singh, trader

Workers collect onions after an auction at a market in Karad on Saturday | PTI

Thackeray urges Goyal to raise stock holding limit

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has written to Union Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal, urging him to increase the onion stock holding limit for wholesale traders in the state from the exiting 25 metric tonnes to 1,500 metric tonnes.

The onion traders had gone on a strike last week against the restrictions imposed by the Centre on stock limits of 25 metric tonnes for wholesalers.

"The recent notification of stock limit for onion traders 25 metric tonnes for wholesale traders, while two tonnes for retail traders has caused hardship to farmers and traders. Therefore, it should be lifted immediately," Thackeray wrote.

"This has stalled the supply chain from farmers to consumers, which has resulted in an increase in prices of onion in the retail market," he added.

The Chief Minister said the arrival of kharif onion is likely to begin from the first week of November. Kharif onion is highly perishable.

If this onion is not purchased by traders due to the present cap on stock holding, farmers in Maharashtra will face huge losses.

The Shiv Sena chief also urged the Centre to increase the grading, sorting and packing days from the present three days to seven days.

"The traders are reluctant to buy the onion directly from the farmers because of this stock limit. This has also disturbed the cycle and will impact the onion prices. The onion prices in retail have been also increased," Thackeray said.

Unemployment takes centre stage

Experts say this will be the first time the issue will change electoral engineering in Bihar

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

THE Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) has said the rate of unemployment in Bihar shot up to 46.6% in months immediately after Covid-induced lockdown. That figure was almost twice as much on the national level at 24%. The figure gives a clear idea that unemployment is the key issue in the ongoing polls in the state, analysts say.

The figure of 46.6% must have gone even higher with the return of more than 22 lakh of migrant workers during the lockdown. Most parties, including the ruling NDA and the opposition Grand Alliance, have let loose a string of promises centering on generating jobs. Social scientists and pollsters believe that if the unemployment issue is significantly reflected in the Bihar results, it could also impact elections in West Bengal, where polls are due early next year. It would be for the first time unemployment would change the "electoral engineering" of parties in Bihar. A glimpse of it was seen in the surging crowd at the rallies of Tejashwi Yadav, the chief ministerial face of the RJD, the key constituent of the Grand Alliance.

Social experts say the CMIE data is alarming. If not tackled seriously, it can lead to a serious law and order problem as jobless youths might take law in their own hands, they say.

Nitish Kumar-led NDA claims to have provided six lakh jobs in five years | PTI

"Where there is a high rate of unemployment, migration goes on unchecked. Bihar, which accounts for 15% of the country's total migration, is an example of it," says Dr RK Verma, a social scientist.

Manohar Kumar, a graduate in civil engineering in Patna, says he has been running from pillar to post for a job after graduation in 2018. "I have now started teaching students of science stream. This time unemployment has become the real issue and will have an impact on the outcome," he said. Nitish Kumar-led NDA claims to have provided six lakh jobs in the last five years, while BJP has promised to generate job opportunities for 19 lakh.

"Tejashwi Yadav's promise to provide 10 lakh jobs first thing after coming to power has caught the fancy of jobless youths", says DM Diwakar, a social scientist.

"The unemployment issue will spread like wild fire across the country and will stay on till even the Lok Sabha polls in 2024," Dr AK Narayan, an economist.

BIHAR 2020 DECIDE

The state government currently has 3.44 lakh employees whose annual wage bill is Rs 26,423 crore.

Besides, the state government spends another Rs 26,314 crore on the salary of teachers, cooks, university personnel and contract workers of panchayat-urban bodies, taking the annual salary bill to Rs 52,734 crore.

The state government also has to spend Rs 20,468 crore on pension of 3.80 lakh pensioners. The budget of Bihar is 2.11 lakh crore.

'Will be tough for Cong to save face if I reveal facts'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

UNION Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday once again attacked the Congress for "questioning" the bravery of Indian jawans and slammed it for allegedly spreading misinformation about India-China issue after the violent Galwan Valley stand-off in Ladakh.

Addressing an election rally in Patna, Singh attacked the Congress for doubting the supreme sacrifices of Indian security forces along the China border.

He also indirectly targetted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi who had claimed that PM Narendra Modi had handed over 1,200 sq km of India's land to China.

The issue of the ongoing India-China standoff has surfaced several times in Bihar election campaign.

"I want to tell the Congress as the defence minister that it will be very difficult for this party to save its face if I disclose the facts," Singh said, adding that the party should apologise to the nation for "misleading" people after the Balakot air strike carried following the Pulwama terror attack.

"When the airstrike was carried out by our forces in Balakot after the Pulwama attack, many Congress leaders were asking for evidence," Singh said.

Applauding the PM, Singh said NDA's credibility among the people has increased because of the works done by the NDA government.

TEJASHWI ADDRESSES 19 RALLIES IN A DAY

Patna: RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Saturday set a record by addressing 19 rallies in a day. His father, Lalu Prasad Yadav had the credit of addressing 16 rallies in one day. Expressing gratitude to his supporters, Tejashawi tweeted on Saturday evening, saying he has addressed a record number of 19 rallies in one day with the support, love and cooperation of the people.

PAPPU YADAV INJURED AS STAGE COLLAPSES

MUZAFFARPUR: A stage and tent, set up for Jan Adhikar Party leader Pappu Yadav's rally, collapsed on Saturday. He was addressing in Muzaffarpur's Minapur constituency when the incident took place. Yadav's Jan Adhikar Party and Chandrashekhar Azad's Azad Samaj Party have joined hands to form the Progressive Democratic Alliance to contest the polls.

ECONOMY HIT

Punjab's losses mount as rlys stops freight bookings

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AFTER applying brakes on the goods train in Punjab in the wake of farmers' agitation, the railways has also stopped taking freight booking orders for Punjab. The most affected by the disruption is Punjab's economy which faces a loss of ₹40,000 crore.

Sources said the railways has stopped taking new freight bookings for Punjab from anywhere in the country as already many fully loaded rakes are stuck midway. Freight bookings are taken only for Haryana. A few companies whose cargo is bound beyond Punjab book up to a particular railway station in Haryana, and from there the goods are transported via road. There are no signs of farmers' agitation getting over anytime soon and sources say the agitators have vacated the tracks.

The Railway Ministry had earlier asked the state government to give a written assurance that the tracks are clear.

It is learnt that around 11,000 containers bound for Punjab are idling at ports. "The export business will come to a complete halt if the crisis is not resolved immediately," said Kamana Raj Aggarwalla, Regional Chairperson of Engineering Export Promotion Council (North). Hosiery goods, both finished goods and raw material, worth ₹5,000 crore are stuck. "There is no outbound movement of finished goods and raw material is not arriving at Ludhiana units. The total turnover of the hosiery industry is worth Rs 15,000 crore," says VK Thapar Chairman of Ludhiana Knitwear Club. Pankaj M Munjal, MD of HMC, a Hero Motors Company, said the bicycle industry was facing significant component shortages post lockdown and was struggling to fulfill the surging bicycle demand in India and abroad.

Punjab farmers need 25 lakh tonnes of urea which come from Gujarat | PTI

With funeral chant, Yogi Adityanath warns 'love jihad' elements

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

CITING an observation made on Friday by the Allahabad high court, which said that religious conversion just for the sake of marriage was not acceptable, Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath on Saturday issued a warning on "love jihad" and those who "play with our sisters' respect."

Addressing an election rally in Jaunpur's Malhani Assembly segment, where by-elections will be held on Tuesday, Adityanath cautioned those who allegedly indulged in such a practice. "The Allahabad high court said religious conversion isn't necessary for marriage. The government will work to curb love jihad and we will bring in a law."

"Here is a warning to all those who conceal their identity and play with the honour of our sisters and daughters. If you don't mend your ways then your *Ram naam satya* journey will begin," he warned. *Ram naam satya* is a chant during funeral processions among Hindus.

The Allahabad high court had on Friday dismissed a writ petition filed by an inter-faith couple, who sought police protection. The Muslim woman and had converted to Hinduism just a month before their marriage. The court said religious conversion just for the purpose of marriage was not acceptable. Taking a leaf out of the verdict, the CM said the government was committed to legally stopping such cases of forceful conversion. The UP government, in fact, has been mulling an ordinance against love jihad for a long time.

Sources said the UP State Law Commission had submitted a report to Adityanath last year, suggesting "a new law to check forcible religious conversions." This year, scores of 'love jihad' cases were reported in Kanpur. The state government had set up a SIT to probe the incidents.

Nine BJP workers killed in last four months, many leaders quit due to fear

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE BJP workers in Kashmir are increasingly under attack from militants with at least nine party members being shot dead in the last four months.

The assassinations have taken place in north Kashmir's Bandipora district, central Kashmir's Budgam district and Kulgam in south Kashmir. Three workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP's) youth wing — Fida Hussain, Umer Hajam and Umer Rashid Beigh — were sprayed with bullets by the militants in the latest such attack in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Thurdsay evening. A BJP leader conceded that many party leaders have resigned due to fear that they would be the next targets.

Inspector General, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said 157 BJP workers have been provided Personal Security Officers (PSOs) and 30 of them have guards at residence for security. The administration plans to enhance security of political workers and those with threat perception would be provided security, he said.

The IGP, however, advised the political workers and their security guards to follow the SOPs for their safety.

However, the BJP is not satisfied with the security of its workers and says more measures need to be taken to ensure security of grassroot level workers. "After the killing of BP leader Sheikh Waseem Bari, his brother and father in Bandipora on July 8, we have been urging the government to provide security and secure accommodation to BJP workers.

BJP plans business meet to focus on Trinamool failures

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

IN an attempt to highlight Mamata Banerjee-led government's "failure" to bring investment in the state ahead of the 2021 Assembly elections, BJP's Bengal unit has announced a business conference by this year-end.

Party's Rajya Sabha MP Swapan Dasgupta said aspects of industrialization in Bengal would be discussed with various industrialists and other stakeholders in the conference.

"We will also want to understand what the investors want from a new government if we come to power in the state," said Dasgupta.

The TMC responded by saying that without involving the government and the ruling party, organising such an event would be meaningless. "Will the BJP accept if the opposition parties in BJP-ruled states organize similar conferences?" questioned TMC MP Saugata Roy. The BJP is yet to decide whether the conference will be a virtual event or an actual one. "It will be decided after taking the pandemic situation into consideration," said Dasgupta.

CHANDIGARH DIARY

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City prepares action plan to control pollution

The Chandigarh administration has prepared an emergency plan to control air pollution in the city, dividing the city into different grids under the Graded Response Action Plan. If the AQI increases in a particular grid, then the administration will have the power to stop the construction work or other activities in that area for a limited period, besides restricting vehicles movement. The other measures include the closing of polluting industries, stopping burning in the open, intensifying public transport services, mechanised cleaning of roads, etc.

Heritage furniture auctioned for ₹47.51 lakh

Two heritage furnitures — a pair of easy armchairs and a set of six office armchairs both in teak and wicker from the city — were sold for ₹47.51 lakh during bidding conducted by auction house Cornette De Saint at Paris in France. The items were designed by French architect Pierre Jeanneret. The two other items that remained unsold were a daybed in teak and cowhide and a pair of advocate armchairs. As per the inventory compiled in 2012 by the Chandigarh Heritage Inventory Committee, there are 12,793 heritage items and most of them are in the possession of the Government Museum and Art Gallery in Sector 10 and chairs and tables are at the Punjab and Haryana Civil Secretariat and Vidhan Sabha and Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Chandigarh best governed UT

Chandigarh has been rated the best governed UT in the country in the Public Affairs Index-2020 released by the Public Affairs Centre. In the category of UT, Chandigarh emerged on top with 1.05 points. The UTs and states were ranked on governance performance based on a composite index for sustainable development defined by three pillars of equity, growth and sustainability. The city emerged as a regional hub in the areas of the service industry, education, health, IT. It has also ranked first in the Human Development Index, quality of life and e-readiness.

Boating service at Sukhna Lake restarts today

After seven months, the Chandigarh administration has decided to restart boating at Sukhna Lake from November 1, but with only 50 per cent capacity. To start with, only four-seater boats, cruise boats, and shikaras will be available for boating. It means on a four-seater boat, only two persons will be allowed. On a cruise, only 12 people will be allowed and a shikara can carry only three persons. The boats will be sanitised after every trip and the wearing of masks will be mandatory for all, while the temperature of visitors will be checked. Hand sanitisers will be placed at the entry points.

1,189,892
people the novel coronavirus has killed since emerging in China last December

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	17	5	SNY	Los Angeles	30	14	SNY
Colombo	31	23	LC	Melbourne	17	8	LC
Dhaka	29	23	TDS	Moscow	6	3	LC
Dubai	31	20	SNY	New York	15	5	LR
Houston	24	9	SNY	Singapore	31	24	TDS
Istanbul	15	9	LR	Toronto	10	0	LR
London	17	16	LR	Washington	13	3	HR

Trump stays defiant as US shatters virus record with 94K cases

US prez and Biden are barrelling through crucial states of Michigan and Pennsylvania as poll campaigns near end

WASHINGTON

THE United States saw a record number of new coronavirus infections for the second day running Friday, with more than 94,000 cases reported just days before voters decide if President Donald Trump should remain in the White House.

The skyrocketing caseload helped push the US tally past nine million cases reported since the pandemic began.

The increasingly resurgent pandemic is forcing other countries to consider following suit – but Trump has vowed the US will not be among them if he wins a second term on Tuesday. The US set a daily record for new infections Friday, charting more than 94,000 in 24 hours according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University -- just one day after the previous high of 91,000.

Hospitals across the country were bracing as cases soar in nearly every state and winter flu season looms.

But on the campaign trail Trump, who says the virus will "disappear," remained defiant.

"We just want normal," he told supporters -- many of them unmasked -- at an outdoor rally near Detroit as he pushed states to relax public health restrictions and resume daily life.

He again bucked his own administration's health experts and dismissed the more than 229,000 Americans who have already died of Covid-19 as he downplayed the threat, saying "if you get it, you're going to get better, and then you're going to be immune."

For the first time since the start of the campaign, Biden, 77, will be joined on stage in Michigan by his former boss and most popular campaigner, former president Barack Obama. They'll put on drive-in rallies in Flint and Detroit.

Trump will head to Pennsylvania Saturday, where he will host three rallies.

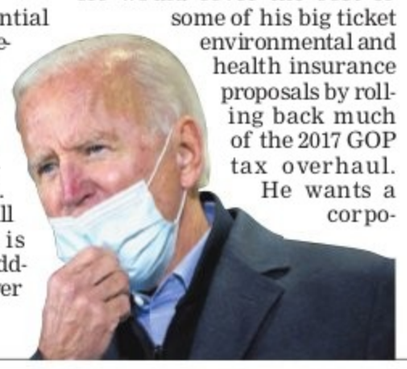
Biden seeks to expand Obama policies

WASHINGTON

Stop and reverse. Restore and expand.

Joe Biden is promising to take the country on a very different path from what it has seen over the past four years under President Donald Trump, on issues ranging from the coronavirus and health care to the environment, education and more.

The Democratic presidential nominee is promising to reverse Trump policy moves on things such as withdrawing the US from the Paris climate agreement and weakening protections against pollution. While Trump wants to kill the Obamacare, Biden is seeking to expand it by adding a public option to cover more Americans.



Here's what we know about what a Biden presidency might look like.

Economy and taxes

For the long-term recovery, the former vice president is pitching sweeping federal action to avoid an extended recession and to address long-standing wealth inequality that affects minorities.

He would cover the cost of some of his big ticket environmental and health insurance proposals by rolling back much of the 2017 GOP tax overhaul. He wants a corporate income tax rate of 28% — lower than before but higher than now — and broad income and payroll tax increases for individuals with over $400,000 of taxable income.

Coronavirus

Biden endorses generous federal spending to help businesses and individuals, along with state and local governments, deal with the financial cliffs of the pandemic slowdown. He would have the United States rejoin the WHO.

Environment

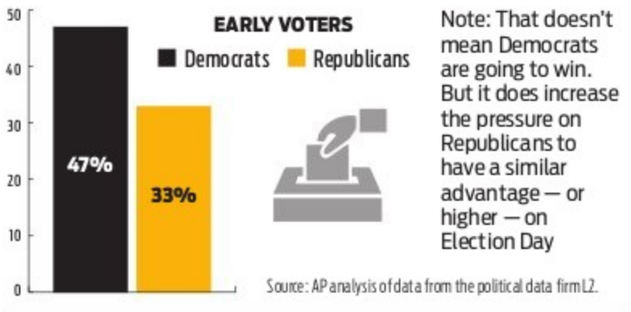
Biden is proposing a $2 trillion push to slow global warming by throttling back the burning of fossil fuels, aiming to make the country's power plants, vehicles, mass public transport systems and buildings more fuel efficient. *AP*

WHO HAS THE LEAD IN EARLY VOTING?

Registered Democrats are outpacing registered Republicans significantly in states that are reporting voters' party affiliation, as per an AP analysis

150 mn — Experts' estimate of **total** number of ballots that will be cast in this election

90 MN people have voted so far



Note: That doesn't mean Democrats are going to win. But it does increase the pressure on Republicans to have a similar advantage — or higher — on Election Day

Source: AP analysis of data from the political data firm L2.

27% of all ballots were cast either by new or infrequent voters, according to AP's analysis

EXPRESS READ

Quake toll rises to 30 in Turkey & Greece

Rescuers raced against the clock to save people trapped under rubble in Turkey and Greece on Saturday as anguished mourners buried the first victims of a powerful earthquake that claimed 30 lives. The 7.0-magnitude quake killed 28 people and injured nearly 900 in Turkey after striking on Friday afternoon near the west coast town of Seferihisar in Izmir province. Also killing two teenagers on their way home from school in Greece, it caused a mini-tsunami on the Aegean island of Samos.

Georgians vote in hotly contested general poll

TBILISI: Georgians voted Saturday in tightly contested parliamentary elections pitting an unlikely union of opposition forces against the increasingly unpopular ruling party led by the country's richest man.

Connery got Oscar for *The Untouchables*

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AFTER an interview with producers Albert Broccoli and Harry Saltzman, Connery reportedly landed the role without even a screen test.

It was a controversial choice at the time, but one that subsequent international fame has corroborated.

He wasn't just Bond, of course, having gone on to feature in many acclaimed films including The Hunt for Red October, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, Murder on the Orient Express, The Wind and the Lion, The Man Who Would Be King, and The Rock.

He also delivered notable performances in several underappreciated films, most notably Sidney Lumet's The Hill and The Offence, both of which showcased a little-known raw and vulnerable side of Connery. The duo collaborated on five films, and it can arguably be said that the director brought out the best in Connery.

Connery was honoured with his first Oscar for his emotionally overpowering turn as a tough Irish cop in Brian De Palma's 1987 classic, The Untouchables. He was knighted in 2000 for his services to film and drama, and has won two Bafta awards and three Golden Globes.

Connery was married to actress Diane Cilento from 1962-73. He is survived by his second wife, painter Micheline Roquebrune, his son by Cilento, actor Jason Connery; and a grandson from Jason's marriage to actor Mia Sara

Shoppers walk along a near-deserted street in the centre of Bradford, west Yorkshire, on Saturday | AFP

U.K. CASES 9,89,745
TESTS/1 MN 4,92,175
DEATHS 46,229
CRITICAL 975

National lockdown looms for Britain

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson is set to hold a news conference alongside his top scientific advisers Saturday amid anticipation of him announcing a new national lockdown for England to stem a resurgence of the coronavirus.

Scientists warned COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths in the U.K. could soon surpass the levels seen at the outbreak's spring peak. Johnson's office said the late-afternoon press conference would follow a Cabinet meeting to discuss "the government's coronavirus response."

The meeting came after the Times of London reported that Johnson could announce a month-long lockdown as soon as Monday. The government said early Saturday that no final decision had been made, but Johnson was under growing pressure to act quickly.

London School of Hygiene epidemiologist John Edmunds, a member of the government's scientific advisory group, said Saturday that cases were running "significantly above" a reasonable worst-case scenario drawn up by modelers.

"It is really unthinkable now, unfortunately, that we don't count our deaths in tens of thousands from this wave," Edmunds told the BBC. "The issue is, is that going to be low tens of thousands if we take radical action now or is that going to be the high tens of thousands if we don't?"

PM Boris Johnson has introduced a system of local restrictions for England based on levels of infection. But scientists say it has not been enough to tame a surge of cases, and Britain is likely to join other European countries such as France, Germany and Belgium in imposing a second lockdown. Any new lockdown would likely see non-essential businesses close and people told to stay mostly at home, though schools would remain open. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

New travel advisory amid global virus surge

Authorities in Pakistan have issued a new travel advisory, reducing from 30 to 22 the number of countries from where passengers will be allowed to enter without a coronavirus test following a surge in COVID-19 cases globally. The latest travel advisory divides international travellers into two categories. Passengers under category A will not need any negative COVID-19 report while those in category B will be required to undergo coronavirus screening 96 hours before boarding a flight to Pakistan. The move comes after a Covid-19 surge across the globe. Singapore, Turkey, China, New Zealand, Australia and Sri Lanka are among the countries kept in category A. The notification will be valid from November 6 till December 31.

THAILAND

US slashes tariff benefits for $817 mn worth of goods

Washington will eliminate some tariff benefits for Thailand, saying the country has failed to allow imports of pork from US producers, the US Trade Representative (USTR) announced on Friday. The move suspends duty-free access for $817 million in goods starting December 30 due to the "lack of sufficient progress providing the United States with equitable and reasonable market access for pork products," despite 12 years of discussions, USTR said in a statement.

SRI LANKA

People arrested for 1st time over distancing

For the first time, Sri Lanka police have arrested dozens of people for not wearing masks and failing to maintain social distancing, under the new laws imposed to contain the spread of the coronavirus. Police said 39 people were detained, and separately, another 221 were held for violating a curfew. Since Thursday, the government has imposed the curfew in the whole of Western province where new outbreaks at a garment factory and the main fish market were discovered early this month. It includes Colombo, where nearly 30% of the 22 million population lives. Infections from the two clusters have grown to 6,945 by Saturday, bringing to over 10,000 the number of confirmed cases, including 19 deaths.

I respect feelings of Muslims, says Macron in bid to defuse tensions

PARIS

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron sought to calm flaring tensons with Muslims around the world, telling an Arab TV channel he understood that caricatures of the Prophet Mohammed could be shocking while lashing out at "lies" that the French state was behind them.

France is on edge after the republication in early September of cartoons of the prophet by the Charlie Hebdo weekly, which was followed by an attack outside its former offices, the beheading of a teacher and an attack Thursday on a church in Nice that left three dead.

Macron sparked protests in the Muslim world after the murder earlier this month of teacher Samuel Paty -- who had shown his class a cartoon of Mohammed -- by saying France would never renounce its laws permitting blasphemous caricatures.

But in an apparent bid to reach out to Muslims, Macron gave a long interview setting out his vision to Qatar-based TV channel Al-Jazeera, seeking to strike a softer tone.

"I can understand that people could be shocked by the caricatures, but I will never accept that violence can be justified," he said.

"I understand the feelings that this arouses, I respect them. But I want you to understand the role that I have. My role is to calm things down, as I am doing here, but at the same time it is to protect these rights."

He added: "I will always defend in my country the freedom to speak, to write, to think, to draw." Macron lashed out at "distortions" from political leaders over cartoons of the prophet, saying too often people were led to believe that they were a creation of the French state.

Orthodox priest shot at in France church

A Greek Orthodox priest was shot Saturday while he was closing his church in the French city of Lyon, and authorities locked down part of the city to hunt for the assailant. The reason for the shooting was unclear. The priest, a Greek citizen, is in a local hospital with life-threatening injuries after being hit in the abdomen, police told AP

HEAVY FIGHTING

Russia says will help if clashes reach Armenia

YERVAN

RUSSIA on Saturday pledged to "necessary" help for Yerevan in the conflict with Azerbaijan if fighting reached Armenian territory, after its ally requested security assistance.

Armenia's request for assistance from Moscow further raised fears of Russia and Azerbaijan's ally Turkey getting sucked into a decades-old conflict over the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan formally asked Russian President Vladimir Putin to begin "urgent" consultations on security assistance as Azerbaijani forces make gains against Armenian separatists who control Karabakh.

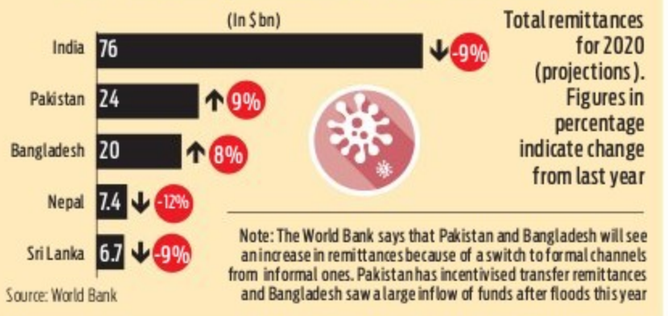
The request also came after Armenia and Azerbaijan failed to agree a fresh ceasefire during talks in Geneva on Friday but said they would not "deliberately target civilian populations".

On Saturday, the warring sides accused each other of violating the Geneva agreements.

A 59-year-old villager was killed in his house in the Martuni region, Karabakh rights ombudsman Artak Beglaryan said, adding that Azerbaijan also struck the breakaway region's main city Stepanakert and the strategic town of Shusha.

The Karabakh defence ministry said there were "wounded among civilians" in Shusha. Baku denied shelling Stepanakert and instead accused Armenia of targeting more than 30 settlements in the Terter and other regions. *AFP*

Covid impact on remittances


(In $ bn)
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Bangladesh 20 8%
Nepal 7.4 -12%
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Total remittances for 2020 (projections). Figures in percentage indicate change from last year
Note: The World Bank says that Pakistan and Bangladesh will see an increase in remittances because of a switch to formal channels from informal ones. Pakistan has incentivised transfer remittances and Bangladesh saw a large inflow of funds after floods this year
Source: World Bank

RELIGIOUS RITES

American priests performing exorcisms after racial justice protests

PORTLAND

IN popular culture, exorcism often serves as a plot device in chilling films about demonic possession. This month, two Roman Catholic archbishops showed a different face of exorcism – performing the rite at well-attended outdoor ceremonies to drive out any evil spirits lingering after acrimonious protests.

The events' distinctive character gave a hint of how exorcism — with roots in ancient times — has evolved as it becomes more commonplace in many parts of the world.

In Portland, Oregon, Archbishop Alexander Sample led a procession of more than 200 people to a city park on Oct. 17, offered a prayer, then conducted a Latin exorcism rite intended to purge the community of evil. The event followed more than four months of racial justice protests in Portland, mostly peaceful but sometimes fueling violence and riots.

On the same day, 600 miles to the south, San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone performed an exorcism ceremony outside a Catholic church in San Rafael, where protesters had earlier toppled a statue of Father Junipero Serra.

"We pray that God might purify this place of evil spirits, that he might purify the hearts of those who perpetrated this blasphemy," Cordileone said.

Serra was an 18th-century Spanish missionary priest, long praised by the church for bringing Roman Catholicism to what is now the western US. His critics say that Serra, in converting Native Americans to Catholicism, forced them to abandon their culture or face brutal punishment.

Cordileone said the exorcism prayers in Latin, remarking that "Latin tends to be more effective against the devil because he doesn't like the language of the church. *AP*

An Archbishop carries the Eucharist for an exorcism in Porland | AP

$560.532 bn was India's forex reserve as of October 23, according to RBI data. This was an increase of $5.4 billion over the previous week

Govt wants PSBs to lend, but asset quality in doubt

Officials fear that once the forbearance period is over, NPAs will soar

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY
@ New Delhi

THE Centre wants public sector banks (PSB) to increase their lending to kick-start investment, but at the same time, are cautioning them to undertake strict due diligence since fears persist that in the post-Covid period, bank asset quality is likely to deteriorate.

"We want PSU banks to increase lending but only to viable projects with due diligence," said a senior finance ministry official. The non-food credit growth rate fell by 40 per cent in September compared to the year ago period.

Though PSU banks accounted for about 62 per cent of this credit disbursal, a marked aversion to credit risk has been noticed in banking circles. "There is a need to step up lending to viable projects, especially in sunrise sectors such as electronics, pharma, electric vehicles, solar projects, as well as to sectors such as exports and textiles," said an official.

The finance ministry plans to inject fresh capital to the tune of ₹20,000 crore into PSU banks to help them meet capital adequacy norms and to encourage them to increase their loan portfolio.

However, fears abound that after the Covid forbearance period-when insolvency proceedings have come to a standstill and banks allowed a one-time restructuring of loans hit by the pandemic-bad loans will rise, with the RBI forecasting an increase to at least 12.5 per cent in 2020-21.

"Bankers are being understandably cautious and despite the urgent need to step up lending, nobody is being asked to blindly recast loans or give fresh loans," said Sanjay Bhattacharyya, former Managing Director of SBI. Bad loans in the banking system rose from 2.2 per cent in 2007-08 to peak at 11.2 per cent in 2017-18. It stood at 8.5 per cent in 2019-20 after strict corrective actions initiated by the RBI.for the said period, irrespective of whether the borrower fully or partially availed the moratorium.

The scheme is also applicable for those who have not availed the moratorium and continued with the original repayment schedule.

Home buying picks up as prices continue south

GURBIR SINGH

TAPAS RANJAN

PEOPLE buying cars and homes are sure shot bell weather indicators of positive consumer sentiment. The initial numbers are good for the current Diwali and festival season offering some hope to the beleaguered industry. Festival sales in both the automobile and housing markets are higher than both the previous quarter and the one-year-ago figures.

Expectedly, business pundits have seized on these numbers to illustrate the end of a dark phase. These are speculative conclusions as Diwali, considered an auspicious time to buy big ticket products like a home or a car, cannot be taken as a persisting trend.

Be that as it may, it is reassuring to read the pile of market reports showing sales and demand picking up for home buying. An Anarock Property Consultants survey showed that the third calendar quarter for 2020 had Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) and Pune showing the highest spike in sales among metros - MMR up by 36 per cent (9,200 units) and Pune 34 per cent (4,850 units).

DODGY BROKER REPORTS

Anarock chairman Anuj Puri put it down as a good response to deep discounts and innovative offers by developers, coupled with lowering of stamp duty by the Maharashtra government to just 2 per cent till December 2020 and 3 per cent between January-March 2021. "The overall financial benefit amounts to a reduction of anywhere between 7-15 per cent on the total property cost," Puri claimed.

Another report by a real estate research firm Liases Foras said sales had almost doubled in the July-September quarter. Tier I cities, the report said, had recorded sales of 42,297 units, a 60 per cent increase from the immediately preceding April-June quarter when sales were just 26,403 units.

The Liases Foras report also said unsold stock had dipped 3 per cent for the top 8 cities, and stood at 9.3lakhunits due to fewer launches. In statements accompanying the release of the report, the Liases Foras chief, Pankaj Kapoor, said housing was now a buyers' market "driven by the offers and payment flexibility doled out by developers. It is almost after 15 years that everything is favouring the buyers."

The problem with these realty reports is their credibility. Unlike the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) that collates and releases periodic data related to sales of cars and other automobiles, developers rarely part with genuine sales data. Most of these reports are produced by realty brokers like Anarock or a Knight Frank. They are interested in hyping deals, and there is an obvious conflict of interest. No wonder, most of these reports are not taken very seriously.

Even Liases Foras, which claims to be a 'non-broking real estate research company' does not reveal the source of its data and how it has been collated. Most of these 'surveys', while projecting sales figures, seem to paper over the continuous fall in capital values of all categories of property. Higher sales are helped by lower stamp duty, but the biggest trigger is the continuous fall of property values to more affordable levels. Across the board, anecdotal data shows housing and commercial properties have fallen 10-15 per cent over the last year, and they continue to trend downward.

PRICES WILL GO SOUTH

A statement in the Liases Foras report—"Price in the consolidated tier I cities remained same on both QoQ and YoY basis"—is not true. A 2BHK in Mumbai's Parel area, which was in the ₹4-6 crore range a year ago, hasshed anything between ₹75 lakh to ₹1 crore, and even these lower prices continue to go south.

A discussion with locality brokers in South Mumbai reveals that in many urban areas today prices are 20 per cent below the Ready Reckoner or Circle Rate (property value ascribed by government on which Stamp Duty is levied). The gap is so wide that property registrations have been hit due to the unreasonably high Circle Rate. A registered deal at current prices will also run the risk of being investigated as there will be suspicion that part of the consideration has been received in cash.

Though the National Housing Bank (NHB) and the RBI collate and release housing data, there is no independent monitor that collects and processes home-buying realtor data. The housing market is therefore always a guessing game of approximations.

The information/data handicap notwithstanding, housing will continue to be a buyers' market for some time in the face of high joblessness. A recent Reuters poll of 15 analysts between September 15 and 29 predicted average house prices to shrink six per cent this year, and three per cent next year. A similar poll three months earlier predicted the price fall this year to be five per cent and three per cent next year, which means the sentiment has marginally worsened.

This is good from the consumer's point of view. Those hunting for a house should wait a while as home prices will be cheaper 6-8 months down the line.

NEWSCOPE

Market rates far below prescribed circle rates

The gap between the Ready Reckoner or Circle Rate (the property value ascribed by the government on which Stamp Duty is levied) and current market prices is so wide that property registrations have been hit due to the unreasonably high Circle Rates. A registered deal at the current prices will also run the risk of being investigated as there will be suspicion that part of the consideration has been received in cash.

Garg claims Sitharaman wanted him out of FinMin

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

ONE year after opting for voluntary retirement, former finance secretary Subhash Chandra Garg blamed Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman for his unceremonious exit from the Finance Ministry. Garg wrote in his blog on Saturday that Sitharaman had insisted on his transfer within a month of her taking over as finance minister.

"Nirmala Sitharaman has a very different personality, knowledge endowment, skillset and approach for economic policy issues and it became quite apparent very early, that working with her was going to be quite difficult," Garg wrote. He went on to add that serious differences between the minister and Garg had developed on key issues such as the economic capital framework of RBI, a package for dealing with problems of non-banks, resolution of non-banks, partial credit guarantee scheme, capitalisation of non-banks like IIFCL and other financial entities.

"Very soon, not only had our personal relationship soured, but the official working relationship also become quite unproductive. Mrs. Sitaraman asked for and insisted on my transfer from the Ministry of Finance in June 2019 itself, within one month of her taking over as FM," Garg said. While he had made up his mind to quit, he said he wanted to do it after the budget was presented.

"Despite quite a few episodes of acrimony which had made the working environment unpleasant, I decided that I would do everything possible to see that budget was not harmed and it was delivered on time," he wrote.

Garg, who was supposed to retire on October 31, 2019, had resigned from the Indian Administrative Services in July after he was unexpectedly removed as finance secretary and was transferred to the power ministry, where he served his 3-month notice.

"I was able to take and implement bold and sometimes unconventional decisions throughout my career, which might not have kept my bosses in good humour sometimes," Garg had said on the day of his retirement, without taking any names. Even post retirement, Garg has been substantially vocal about various economic issues.

RELIEF IN FOCUS

Next stimulus to be linked to 'Make in India'

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

THE next stimulus package under the Aatmnirbhar Bharat programme may likely be linked to the 'Make in India' scheme. "Deliberations are going on over the next stimulus package for the industry. However, the package will be linked with 'Make in India' and directed towards industry that is engaged in local manufacturing and creating jobs," a senior official from the finance ministry told this publication.

The official added that the proposal was discussed at great length at the recent review meeting finance ministry officials held with the Prime Minister earlier this week. According to sources, the finance ministry has been told to work on the incentive and the government is likely to announce the package before the festival of Deepavali. "The ministry is working on it closely with the Niti Aayog," the official said.

The Centre has been already working on multiple fronts to position India as a global manufacturing hub.

"Aatmanirbhar Bharat does not mean self-isolation but a very deep integration into the global value chains and using the manufacturing strength of India to become a leading exporter globally," NITI Aayog Chief Amitabh Kant had said at a recent FICCI event.

Big four to battle it out for India's rapidly growing e-commerce market

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S e-commerce industry is at an inflection point—it has clocked aggressive sales, attracted billions of dollars in investments, and yet, there is still has a long way to go before it constitutes the majority of the country's massive $1 trillion retail market. The Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated the segment's growth, however, and drawn the attention of India's corporate heavyweights Mukesh Ambani and Ratan Tata—both of whom see digital consumers as their next big market.

Both are also planning to take on e-commerce leaders Amazon and Flipkart through acquisitions and analysts note that this is set to become a four-way battle for the e-commerce market.

Amazon, having managed to get an interim injunction in its favour in Singapore against the Reliance-Future Group agreement, has also approached Indian market regulator Securities Exchange Board of India accusing the Future Group of misleading its shareholders and violating its contract with Amazon.

The Tata Group seems to have made its own bet, with a reported $1 billion deal expected to secure a majority stake in e-grocery unicorn Big Basket. It is also in talks with other internet firms, as well US retail giant Walmart, to bolster its efforts in omni-channel commerce and creating a super app. Reliance, on the other hand, has also held discussions with niche players such as Milk Basket, acquired a minority stake in a pharma start-up, and roped in Whatsapp for its JioMart venture.

"The market here is largely untapped and so big that it can easily have 4-5 key players who will offer convenience as well as affordability," a top executive at an market research firm told this publication, adding that the key will be successfully tapping into rural India.

Grocery, in particular, has seen the keenest battle thus far, with experts noting that it is likely to move faster towards adopting e-retail. A recent Redseer analysis said customers increasingly ordering groceries online. While the traditional brick-and-mortar segment will likely grow 5% CAGR till 2024, Redseer expects organised retail and e-commerce to grow at 16% and 57% respectively.

Bank credit growth remains subdued, October shows marginal pick up

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OVERALL credit growth in the banking sector has decelerated to a three-decade low of 5.8 per cent in September, reflecting weak demand and risk aversion due to the pandemic.

According to the latest data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), growth in the personal loans segment continued to decline during the month at 9.2 per cent compared to16.6 per cent a year ago (10.6% in August 2020). In absolute terms, personal loans increased to ₹25.7 lakh crore from ₹23.6 lakh crore a year ago.

On the other hand, services segment outstanding credit grew by 9.1 per cent, followed by agriculture & allied segment at 5.9 per cent. The Industrial segment registered nil growth.

Despite the overall slow growth in incremental bank credit, disbursements to MSMEs continued to be strong-primarily driven by the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee (ECLGS) scheme. Micro, small and medium industries grew 3.2 per cent during the month under review compared to a decline of 0.6 per cent last year, data showed.

Sequentially, overall credit growth showed some signs of a pick-up in the fortnight ended October 9, rising to 5.7 per cent year-on-year compared to 5.14 per cent in the previous fortnight.

Rural, construction sector disbursement picking up pace: CIFC

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

CHENNAI-based non-banking finance company (NBFC) Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company (CIFC) has begun seeing significant traction in disbursements, according to top officials, and the firm is now hopeful that it will be able to achieve last year's revenue levels this fiscal year too.

Arun Alagappan, managing director of the company, said that it is highly optimistic since there has been a better-than-expected disbursement performance in the second quarter (Q2FY21). During the quarter, CIFC reported a consolidated net profit of ₹432 crore as against a net profit of ₹307 crore for the corresponding period last year. A rise of 41%.

Alagappan said that disbursements have picked up and CIFC was witnessing good traction from the rural market, and even the construction equipment segment. Pent-up demand and increased economic activity during the festive season are expected to boost business sentiments further. Alagappan also pointed out that there has been a quick revival in the rural market for tractors and entry-level cars. Other metrics improved too, with total income rising to ₹2,440 crore during the period compared to ₹2,197 crore for the corresponding period of last year. Assets under management grew by 16 per cent.

Meanwhile, over per cent of its customers who had opted for the moratorium have started to repay their installments after it ran out in August.

"Still, we are cautiously monitoring the situation. Q3 remains very crucial since we will be able to learn whether the repayment behaviour of moratorium customers is sustained," said Alagappan. Considering the externalities, CIFC has created additional provisions of ₹250 crore. With moratorium now over, Alagappan said that the focus was to scale up on-field collection efforts.

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Business & Beyond

EIL signs MoU for FY2020-21 with Ministry of Pe

Engineers India Limited (EIL) and Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for FY 2020-21 on October 21, 2020. The MoU was signed by Tarun Kapoor, Secretary, MoP&NG and R.K. Sabharwal, Director (Commercial) with additional charge of Chairman & Managing Director, EIL. Functional Directors of EIL and senior officials of MoP&NG and EIL were also present on the occasion.

MRPL declares net profit of ₹36 cr in Q2

MRPL declared a Net Profit of ₹36 crore and a Gross Refining Margin of $3.85 per barrel for the quarter ended September 30, 2020. According to the company, its capacity utilisation gradually improved during the current quarter as compared to the previous quarter of current year. "Management has assessed the potential impact of Covid-19 based on the current circumstances and expects no significant impact on the continuity of the operations on long term basis. As regards the recoverability of Assets and financial resources, performance of contractual liability and obligations, ability to service the debts and liabilities, MRPL expects to fully recover the carrying amounts of the assets," the company said.

BBMB organizes "Rajbhasha Prize Dist

The BBMB organised a Hindi Month celebration at its office at Chandigarh from September 1 to September 30, 2020. During the Month, five competitions: Hindi Nibandh & Anuvad Pratiyogita, Hindi Shabad Gyan Pratiyogita, Hindi Tankan Pratiyogita, Hindi Noting & Drafting Pratiyogita, and Swarachit Hindi Kavya Path Pratiyogita were organised for the employees to maximize their use of the Rajbhasha in day to day work.

PNB observes Vigilance Awareness Week

Punjab National Bank's Circle Office in Bengaluru East played host to an Awareness Walk conducted to observe Vigilance Awareness Week on October 31. The walkathon was held at Lalbagh Garden from 7:00 a.m to 8.00 a.m and an awareness programme was also conducted for the public. Vijay Kumar, Circle Head, East, Basanth Kumar, Circle Head, West, and Modi DCH, Bengaluru, were among those present at the function.

Halep tests positive for coronavirus

Simona Halep has tested positive for Covid-19 but the former women's tennis World No 1 said on Saturday she was "recovering well". The 29-year-old made the announcement on Twitter. Halep wrote: "Hi everyone, I wanted to let you know that I tested positive for Covid-19. I am self-isolating at home..."

AFI chief hopes for Olympic glory on final stretch

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

ATTENDING annual general meetings of national sports federations is an experience in itself. Not that any federation opens its doors for invitees. But Athletics Federation of India (AFI) seems to be an aberration. Saturday's AGM had discussions on a few subjects that seemed starkly different. Ways to monetise marathons at district levels and licensing fees, registering Indian Athletics brand as a trademark are worth mentioning.

On Saturday, AFI conducted its elections during its AGM in New Delhi. Though not epochal, the AGM did have its sprinkling of interesting discussions and decisions. As reported by this newspaper, Ravinder Chaudhry was elected secretary general, replacing CK Valson. Madhukant Pathak was elected treasurer in place of PK Srivastava, who too had completed his tenure. Anju Bobby George, the 2003 World Championships bronze medallist, was elected senior vice-president. She was among those present on the dais during the first day's proceedings along with president Adille Sumariwalla, secretary, treasurer and executive council member and planning commission chief Lalit Bhanot.

Adille Sumariwalla

Ravinder Chaudhry

Sumariwalla, who entered the final stretch before touching the 12-year tenure tape, wanted to leave behind a process and system that would propel India to among top Olympic medal-winning countries. "I would like to see an Olympic medal in my final tenure," he said. As for the two new office-bearers, he was confident they would be able work together. "They (secretary and treasurer) have been part of the AFI for long enough to know how it functions and even as a team we have been working together in various panels."

Sumariwalla's focus in the last tenure would be a system that would help India win medals at the Olympics some 10 to 15 years down the line. "We focus on the grassroots and ours is one of the largest grassroots programme in the world," he said. "This is a legacy that started some 15-17 years ago by former AFI chief Surech Kalmadi and secretary Lalit Bhanot. Now it has started producing athletes."

Anju's nomination questioned

Former athlete Ashwini Nachappa has written to the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) and Indian Olympics Association (IOA) questioning Anju's nomination. The latter was nominated by Karnataka Athletics Association. She is said to have been elected senior vice president of the Chikkaballapur Athletics Association, but Ashwini says other associations were unaware.

"..Have questioned the elections, how she represented KAA? Even some districts here, did not know about it. Other than Chikkaballapur association, other associations were unaware about it. Due process was not followed," Ashwini told this daily.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

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DC	13	7	6	14	-0.159
SRH	13	6	7	12	0.555
KXIP	13	6	7	12	-0.133
RR	13	6	7	12	-0.377
KKR	13	6	7	12	-0.467
CSK	13	5	8	10	-0.532

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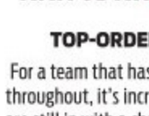

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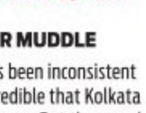

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LIVE TODAY

CSK vs KXIP
3.30 PM | ABU DHABI

DHONI'S LAST DANCE?

This is pure speculation but this point still merits inclusion. How long can MS Dhoni continue to carry on this final act in what has been a stellar career? It's clear his body isn't willing anymore. Could this match be final song in the franchise that has relied so heavily on him?

WIN AND WATCH

The task for Punjab is simple. Win and put pressure on the chasing pack. They won't be guaranteed progress but they will make it that much harder for the rest to pip them in that case.

KKR vs RR 7.30 PM | DUBAI

TOP-ORDER MUDDLE

For a team that has been inconsistent throughout, it's incredible that Kolkata are still in with a chance. But they need to figure out a way to arrest that slide at the top. It will be good if they can discover that combination in a proverbial do-or-die clash.

MATCH PUNJAB

With Punjab playing first, these teams will know where they figure in the net run rate scheme of things. If Punjab manage to pull off a win, both these sides should not only match that, but also run bigger wins because of Punjab's super NRR.

DC loss opens door for chasers

Race for three spots in IPL play-offs becomes intriguing with six teams in with a chance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THINGS change quickly in sport. Ten days ago, Delhi Capitals would have been excused for making plans for the knockout stages. Now? Not so much. They will have slept on Saturday night wondering where their next win is going to come from. Having lost four on the bounce — including against Mumbai Indians on Saturday — they find themselves on a slippy surface.

That kind of run, however, has opened the door for the chasing pack. Having played the same number of matches, any of Kings XI Punjab (fourth with 12), Rajasthan Royals (fifth with 12) and Kolkata Knight riders (sixth with 12) can usurp them in the final tally. Even if Delhi (third with 14) are favourites in that they are two points above the chasing pack, another loss, against Royal Challengers Bangalore on Monday, could prove fatal to their cause.

As of this moment, Punjab are the best placed to grab the opportunity. They have a better net run rate (NRR) compared to Delhi. So any win against Chennai Super Kings in Sunday's first match will see them leapfrog Delhi to occupy third spot in the table. However, if Punjab lose, they will be out of the tournament.

With figures of 3/17, Jasprit Bumrah (2nd L) was the standout bowler for MI

It's pretty much the same for the teams — Kolkata and Rajasthan — in Sunday's night match. Lose and you are out. Win and they have the chance, depending on what happens in the match between Punjab and Chennai, to go fourth. If one of the sides win big they could go as high as third in the table.

But whatever happens on Sunday, the battle for the play-off spots will spill over to the last league games. If Delhi beat Bangalore on Monday, they qualify. In fact, Shreyas Iyer's team can lose on Monday and still qualify if other results go their way, with Chennai beating Punjab to start that sequence of results.

But they wouldn't want it up to chance when it's still within their grasp.

Brief scores: Delhi 110/9 in 20 ovs (Iyer 25, Bumrah 3/17, Boult 3/21) **lost to** Mumbai 111/1 in 14.2 ovs (Kishan 72 n.o, De Kock 26).

SRH beat RCB, climb to fourth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

SUNRISERS Hyderabad's bowlers hit the right chord to pave the way for a precious win over Royal Challengers Bangalore in Sharjah on Saturday. With 12 points and one match to go, Hyderabad rose to fourth on the table. This makes the qualification race more interesting.

On a pitch where batting was not easy, pacers Sandeep Sharma and Jason Holder took two wickets each. Sharma sent back Devdutt Padikkal and skipper Virat Kohli for single digit scores inside the powerplay. Left-arm pacer T Natarajan was the most economical bowler for Hyderabad, giving 11 runs and picking up a wicket in his four overs. With the bat, Wriddhiman Saha, Manish Pandey and Holder chipped in with handy runs to take Hyderabad home.

Brief scores: RCB 120/7 (Sandeep 2/20, Holder 2/27) **lost to** SRH 121/5 in 14.1 ovs (Saha 39, Pandey 26, Holder 26 n.o).

One-day quarantine for BCCI's IPL final entourage

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @ Chennai

STATE association representatives invited by BCCI to the IPL final in Dubai will have a one-day quarantine instead of six that the players and others had to undergo when they reached the UAE before the start of the tournament. One from each of the 34 state associations are scheduled to be there at BCCI's expense from November 8-10.

Their quarantine period is shorter because they won't be part of the bio-bubble and will only be in Dubai and not travel to Abu Dhabi. Going to Abu Dhabi still involves a quarantine period of 14 days. But if a person from India goes to Dubai, he or she needs a negative Covid-19 test done 96 hours before departure. And, he or she has to undergo another Covid-19 test on arrival at the Dubai airport. From the airport, passengers are shifted to hotels. On returning a negative report, they are free to go out after 24 hours. The IPL final is on November 10.

The same rule applies to BCCI officials, who are scheduled to land in Dubai on November 3. They will be there for IPL play-off ties and the Women's T20 Challenge to be played from November 4-9. President Sourav Ganguly, secretary Jay Shah, treasurer Arun Dhumal and joint-secretary Jayesh George are the office-bearers travelling. When they went to the UAE after the start of the IPL in September, all four had to stay in hotel quarantine for six days. Due to safety and cost factors, BCCI has invited only one person from each state association.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

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For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited under **"Two Cover System"** for the following work from Civil Class-I State level Civil Contractors registered in State/Central or Quasi Government Organisations having experience in similar nature of works. Tenders will be received upto 3.00 PM on **04.12.2020** and the same will be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, SIPCOT, Chennai-8.

Remodelled I-League to start in January

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

THE I-League will start in January first week and not in December, after the West Bengal government asked the All India Football Federation (AIFF) to postpone the start of the tournament. It will be held in three or four venues in and around Kolkata.

The second tier of Indian football, I-League has been postponed a couple of times now. Initially, it was scheduled in November but the clubs asked AIFF to reschedule it in December due to concerns over player recruitment. Now, the West Bengal government has asked for a further delay citing festive rush during Christmas and New Year.

Also keeping in mind rising Covid-19 cases, the new season is set to witness a new format, on the lines of what is seen in the Chinese Super League. Each team, instead of facing the other twice, will play once against each other. The top six will feature in the championship round, while the bottom five will fight to stave off relegation in another mini group.

"This will see a reduction in the number of matches. The proposal was discussed with all 11 teams and they were happy with the rejig," I-League CEO Sunando Dhar told this daily.

While the qualifiers went off without a hitch, the I-League is set to be a longer and complicated. AIFF officials will be in Kolkata after Diwali to finalise the number of hotels required for safe accommodation of 11 sides and the number of stadiums.

"We used two stadiums during the qualifiers and this time a minimum of three will be needed. A fourth might be added so that ties can be held concurrently. All these along with the number of hotels should be decided after we visit the city," Dhar added. A safety app on the lines of the one used in IPL might be used to track movement of players and officials. Salt Lake Stadium, Kalyani Stadium and Barasat Stadium are set to host matches. The AIFF drew praise for successful staging of the qualifiers. The Cricket Association of Bengal enquired about the bio-bubble for tournaments it wants to conduct. "CAB officials visited us and asked how the bubble was made. They wanted details as they are planning a club-based T20 tournament and we shared our expertise," said Dhar.

KEEPING ORDER

With two T20 World Cups in as many years and long term MS Dhoni heir – Rishabh Pant – not having the greatest of times of late, race for the wicketkeeper-batsman's slot in the Indian team is wide open. Here is a look at who is well placed to bag it...

1

KL RAHUL

Easily the frontrunner. Acknowledged by selectors, who named him keeper in the T20 and ODIs squads. Going purely by batting form, Rahul walks into the the team. Could even make it as batsman alone, but that's unlikely at the moment. His emergence as a leader, he is the vice-captain in the shorter formats, is another plus point.

IPL 2020 M 13. R 641. SR 130.54. C 9

2

SANJU SAMSON

Potential with the bat has seen him bag a place on the touring party to Australia. But the problem with him has always been consistency. Six single digit scores and five scores above 35 suggest he can still be unreliable. A natural six-hitter in the top-order who's a touch conservative is a positive. Keeping has been alright.

M 13. R 374. SR 161.20. C 7. St 2

3

RISHABH PANT

In a format suited for him, he has let his team down this season. That explosive nature of his batting has been missing in the UAE. There are question marks over fitness too. To make matters worse, keeping skills have also come under scrutiny. No wonder that he is not in the limited-over sides for Australia.

M 10. R 274. SR 112.29. C 11

4

ISHAN KISHAN

In a Mumbai team that has star names right through the batting order, the Jharkhand boy has carved a name for himself. If he continues like this, the Indian think tank could revisit his case soon. A natural six-hitter, he is the third best this term with 24. Keeping still to be tested. Not doing that job in IPL.

M 11. R 395. SR 143.63

Conditioning camp for senior, u-23 team from Nov 4

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE senior state and the U-23 team will restart their cricket activities with a conditioning camp from November 4 at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru, Karnataka State Cricket Association confirmed on Saturday.

"Karnataka State Cricket Association have decided to restart cricketing activities with all the necessary precautions and SOP in place to overcome Covid pandemic during our cricketing activities," Vinay Mruthyunjaya, KSCA treasurer said in the release.

The likes of Manish Pandey, KL Rahul and Mayank Agarwal, who are in the United Arab Emirates for the 13th edition of the Indian Premier League, will directly fly with the Indian team for the Australia tour. While other Karnataka players, including Devdutt Padikkal, Prasidh Krishna among others in the cash-rich league will be available for the camp after they come back to the country.

However, the Board of Control for Cricket India is yet to announce any dates for the upcoming 2020-21 domestic season. And it is most likely that the season may only witness the longer format, Ranji Trophy, being played.

Government of Karnataka
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Finance Department,
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

No.: FD 01 BMB 2020 Date: 29.10.2020

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EXPRESS READ

Raja ,Anargya clinch state ranking TT titles

BENGALURU: Raja Kundu and Anargya Manjunath have clinched the men's and women's singles titles respectively in the Karnataka State Ranking TT tournament here on Saturday. Raja put up a good show to beat Kaustubh Milind Kulkarni 8-11,12-10,11-6,12-14,11-6,6-11,11-8 while Anargya shone past Kushi V 11-7,9-11,9-11,11-3,11-8,12-10. Aakash KJ and Yashaswini D Ghorpade walked away with the junior boys and girls crown.

TTFI senior VP dies of coronavirus

NEW DELHI: SM Sultan, senior vice-president of the Table Tennis Federation of India passed away on Saturday in a hospital at Vijayawada, where he was getting treated for Covid-19. He was 61 and is survived by his son and a daughter. Tragedy struck the Sultan family 10 days ago when his mother became the first victim. Sultan, his wife Lubana Moosavi and son Javed Moosavi were admitted to the hospital together. ENS

Global updates

Another lockdown in Europe could affect F1

IMOLA: Formula One fears that further Covid-19 lockdowns across Europe could hit the sport as Lewis Hamilton heads towards a record-equalling seventh world title, his Mercedes team boss Toto Wolff said. Speaking ahead of this weekend's Emilia Romagna Grand Prix, Wolff said: "The situation is becoming more difficult. F1 does not put anyone in danger as we stay in our microcosm, but we also cannot ignore that the number of cases in various countries is growing rapidly."

Ronaldo recovers from Covid, back for Juve

TURIN: Cristiano Ronaldo has recovered from the coronavirus after 19 days and three missed matches for Juventus, the club announced. Juventus said a swab test provided a negative result and Ronaldo "is no longer subjected to home isolation." Ronaldo first tested positive during the international break while with Portugal. He could return on Sunday for Juventus' game at Spezia in Serie A, or on Wednesday at Ferencvaros in the Champions League in Budapest.

NFL recommends masks for players on sidelines

WASHINGTON: The NFL is recommending that players on the sidelines who are not participating in a game or about to go on the field wear protective masks. The league's management council also suggested the teams enhance physical distancing on the sidelines. Although, NFL stopped short of mandating masks for all players not on the field, it 'strongly encouraged' players in the bench area to wear masks while standing on the sideline and/or sitting on the bench.

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OBEYING UNIQUE
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Dr. Jayakrishnan says "Success in life underlies in adjusting the receptive infrastructure of the physical body and to obey the unique universal rules". The receptive infrastructure of human body refers to the capacity of an individual to inhale the essential cosmic rays in abundance and HHM insists that it is the responsibility of each and every individual to collect them for their best. Holistic Human Metaphysics (HHM) illustrates techniques and tools to balance the energy flow in the human body. Since every human being is unique, HHM provides simple living habits which are personally customised.

PANACEA ULTIMATE FOR ROUSING ENERGY

Panacea ultimate for rousing energy (PURE) is a product designed by HHM, after researching for more than 20 years from Vedic practice called Agnihotra. PURE contains two components: Panacea ultimate and PURE pyramid. Panacea ultimate is an intelligent combination of 43 herbs handpicked specifically from different geography at various seasons.

HHM VILLAGE

What is special about HHM Village is that mud houses will be constructed by a special Tribal community who resides at Marayoor in Idukki in Kerala. The construction method is unique which is known only to this special Tribal group. It is a UNESCO-recognised construction method. The 50 houses of HHM Village will generate employment opportunity for them.

HHM WORLD: A FUTURISTIC COMPANY

HHM World is a futuristic company exploring potentials of wellness industry in line with new normal after Covid-19 pandemic. The company headquartered at Chalavara in Palakkad district of Kerala, is committed to developing value-added products based on scientific research, which help in enhancing the levels of quality living.

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RAINBOW ROUTE TO HAPPINESS

A RADICAL TRANSFORMATION FOR HUMAN LIFE

INTRODUCING DR. T P JAYAKRISHNAN WHOSE LIFE-CHANGING METHODS OF HOLISTIC HUMAN METAPHYSICS ARE ALL SET TO TAKE THE WORLD BY STORM

"The universe runs on a highly precise mathematical balance. If superintelligence has brought you to this planet Earth, it certainly means that there is a grand purpose behind it

Dr. T P Jayakrishnan

OUR CORRESPONDENT

As our taxi drove past the village of Chalavara, 20 km north of Shoranur, the countryside seemed picture-perfect with paddy fields, coconut trees, interspersed with thick, shimmering forest foliage. I was going to interview Dr. T P Jayakrishnan, the inventor of Holistic Human Metaphysics, a philosophy founded on science, analysis, and astute calculations to fight one's so-called given fate. It was a while before the car took a turn and suddenly a huge palatial structure showed up facing the hillock across the paddy field. The vehicle stopped before the high walls of a rather different yet traditional looking mansion: Palat Palace, residence of Dr. T P Jayakrishnan.

I should admit that such massiveness was pretty unprecedented. It was a Palace, literally spread over 2 acres of land almost covering the entire land area sparing only a few spread for gardens with three waterfalls. It had plenty of rooms empanelled with brass, wood and marble.

Even the porch was a sight to behold, with plenty of cars. Luxury cars. A well-pruned garden meandered around a swimming pool. At a corner of the courtyard was a huge temple devoted to elephant God Ganesha and Lakshmi, the Hindu Goddess of wealth. We went up in a small wooden elevator. We sat in a well-appointed hall. Soon Dr. T P Jayakrishnan greeted us. I sensed a profound presence in him. What transpired was a deep conversation on the subject of metaphysics and how Dr. T P Jayakrishnan and his team of scientists have given shape to a new way towards human wellness, wealth, and happiness. Dr. Jayakrishnan stumbled upon the world of metaphysics when he hit a rough patch in his life.

At one point he was told that as per astrology his stars were not aligned with his wife Usha Jayakrishnan's and their marriage will be shortlived. The hardships faced by Dr. T P Jayakrishnan after this point were unparalleled including severe financial crisis.

The burning desire to overcome this prediction and to lead a happy life drove him deeper and deeper into the mystery of the universe.

He met with his mentor Dr. Nimay Banerjee who encouraged him to ask questions and find answers. He achieved everything he dreamt of. He is now healthy, wealthy and surrounded by a loving family of his wife, children and grandchildren. So what was the magic that changed his life? The simple ways he practised, along with his findings, he turned into a branch of metaphysics called the Holistic Human Metaphysics (HHM).

UNDERSTANDING HOLISTIC HUMAN METAPHYSICS

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Since every human being is unique, HHM provides simple living habits which are personally customised. By introducing the three hypotheses of HHM, Dr. Jayakrishnan wishes to overcome the inertia latent in human thought which prevents them from maximising their potential.

His idea is to regulate the flow of energy in the seven powerhouses in the body. "The subject metaphysics is like a universe and it has got multiple dimensions to it," says Jayakrishnan.

'Mankind is aware of societal rules but ignorant of universal rules'

Founder and Chairman Dr. T P Jayakrishnan at his office

The first hypothesis of HHM states that the physical system of the human body is the manifestation of the effect of appropriate reduction in spectral frequencies of the seven principal colours of light on the human body

DR. JAYAKRISHNAN has been studying Vedic Metaphysics for close to 35 years now. "I am interested in bringing transformation to the individual's potential," he says. According to him, the universe runs on a highly precise mathematical balance. If superintelligence has brought you to this planet Earth, it certainly means that there is a grand purpose behind it. Dr. Jayakrishnan puts forth three hypotheses on creation, destiny, and creative destiny.

Today, for his clientele, Jayakrishnan has top business leaders, rulers, and politicians from around the world. Dr. Jayakrishnan derived specific calculation methods to find out the quantum of cosmic rays one may receive from universe, from several Vedic and arithmetic scriptures especially Aryabhatiyam. Previously when a client approaches him, all he used to secure were their place of birth, date and time. He used this information to arrive at a calculation based on the movement of the principal celestial bodies which influence humans.

Now he has more advanced mechanisms and software to find out the energy and alignment of principal power centres of the human body and clients could see with their eyes the current situation of their power centres. This is done in his 3'rd room (out of seven rooms) which is been explained in detail. According to this, he offers solutions to their personal growth and achievement on all fronts of life. Dr. Jayakrishnan says that every human receives and radiates light waves (Vibgyor). Each of these light waves possesses characteristics for leading a certain quality life. When a human is born on the planet, the very first breath, which holds 700million electrically-charged particles, contains the basic characteristics that can develop into his life potential. In other words, the ability to do anything is solely determined by the composition of this 700 million electrically charged particles that one inhales.

According to him, when a person is born at a particular place, the first breath that the person took at the place can be found out. We can also find out the exact nature of the spectral frequencies present in that breath of the person based on the location.

METAPHYSICS: AN OVERVIEW

The term "metaphysics" elicits mixed responses. To begin with, the term itself is a result of a historical accident. When one of the greatest philosophers of all time, Aristotle, died in the fourth century BC, he left reams of written notes on virtually all scientific topics imaginable — from logic, politics, and ethics, to astronomy and botany. His pupils and followers took up the task of organising those manuscripts into separate works, known today collectively as the Corpus Aristotelicum. However, they had considerable difficulty with categorising a group of particularly abstract and hard-to-comprehend writings, dealing with such notions as being and substance, the first or principles of things, the ideas of one and many, the problem of change, the existence of mathematical objects and of one God. Now, rather than subsume these writings under any extant category, they placed them in the order following the treatises on physics, and therefore the provisional title "Metaphysics" was coined, which literally means "what comes after physics". But the name stuck, and to this day is associated with the most general and abstract philosophical considerations regarding the idea of being.

Dr. T P Jayakrishnan with son Jithin Jayakrishnan (right) Co-founder and Director and son-in-law Rajesh Pattath (left) Co-founder and Director

WHAT IS THE RELEVANCE?

When cosmic light rays from the sun and reflected rays from other planets in the solar system hit the atmosphere of earth, electrically charged particles are produced as a result of their condensation.

When we breathe, these electrically charged particles are taken into our body and will be used for the synthesis and operation of functional biological macromolecules. Each breath of a human contains 700 million electrically charged particles. But the composition of 700 million electrically charged particles will vary over time as the intensity of these rays striking on earth's atmosphere too will vary over time: earth and other celestial bodies rotate incessantly. In essence, when we breathe, we take in the vibrations of all these seven principal light rays to our bodies.

In normal cases, one may not receive an adequate rate of vibrations of these seven principal light rays due to his/her incapability to inhale particular light rays or the changing intensity of the rays as a result of the rotational motion of celestial bodies.

Equilibrium of these seven cosmic light rays must be maintained in every breath to reach one's maximum potential in life. Based on this hypothesis, Dr. Jayakrishnan created a series of processes, by decoding some of the most esoteric Vedic textbooks.

He ascertained the validity of the Vedic claims by scientific tests and he put each of them under rigorous experiments in the lab. He used machines that can read, decode, and evaluate the 7 spectral light compositions in human beings. Once this decoding happens, the body being a perfect chemistry mechanism can be provided with materials that can enhance a certain parameter or reduce a certain harmful characteristic.

EXPRESS FOCUS

PROFOUND SOURCE OF SPIRITUALITY

Holding his spiritual beliefs along with science makes Dr Jayakrishnan a unique personality. He understands that the merger of science and spirituality are totally different path which brings one to the realisation that there is a unique connection between every person and everything in the universe

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USING HHM FOR PERSONAL SUCCESS, PROSPERITY AND FAME

Major areas where the application of Holistic Human Metaphysics could help succeed are listed below

Personal efficiency

Balancing of power centres in the human body can help attain perfection in human action. Though it may be common that one has heard about the seven power centres in esoteric or spiritual terms, the HHM team has taken a massive scientific leap in the advancement of this aspect in terms of measurable and predictable indicators. For example, if a person has to better his life, HHM would ascertain at the time of his birth, what spectral frequencies of light was inhaled in his first breath.

To attain wellness, the person needs to first understand the composition of his personal frequency formed by the seven rays of light. With the wisdom acquired from decades of research, HHM can pinpoint the exact characteristics of a person as well as their predictable behaviour and feeling patterns. HHM has synthesised a sound-based process through which the frequency of the person can be transformed to aid his full potential. HHM can provide certain personalised sound waves that can help the individual attune to the best of his frequencies. HHM provides these personal sound waves which the individual can use. The frequency of it and the intonation of it are provided to the customer, based on the analysis of his spectral frequency composition.

Wealth creation

According to the research done by the HHM, based on the three theories, the ability to receive wealth is directly proportional to the ability to receive indigo cosmic light rays. "But to make the body receive sufficient amounts of indigo rays, it needs to be supported with yellow and green rays as well," he says. According to him, yellow light decides the decision one makes with money and green relates to the ability to invest. If the three spectral frequencies work hand in hand, the ability to attract wealth, the right decisions to invest, and enjoyment of the returns are guaranteed. HHM has designed methodologies to enhance the receiving capacity of humans through a well-researched process.

Each day has a particular frequency associated with a planet and so, with many permutations and combinations, a finding is done based on the person's first breath spectral frequency and other factors. HHM then helps them identify ways by bringing certain activities into their daily lives to compensate for the shortfall. HHM research also has found that certain seeds hold certain spectral frequencies and that their consumption on a particular day helps the individual. Also, each day has a correspondence to a planet and colours too.

Success in business

A business leader's individual frequency must have a natural rate of vibration with the frequency of the object/material or product he is involved in. Besides this, receptivity to indigo light is crucial for business success. The frequency of the currency used also must match that of the individual.

The natural frequency of the person must attune itself to the object, the partner, the land used for the office space as well as other assets. In short, to maintain a good track record of business, there has to be a synchronicity of multiple factors. HHM works either by altering the signal or by taking the person out from the influence of an irregular signal-soup.

"A person who is into the business of gold, for example, has to attune to the frequency of 183.58Hz to have long-lasting success in the gold business," explains Dr. Jayakrishnan.

The secret of political power

Elections play a very pivotal role in the life and career of a politician. As per HHM, the quantity of red cosmic rays inhaled by an individual is directly proportional to his acceptance in society.

So for a politician, red cosmic ray plays an important role in his career as acceptance by the public lays the foundation for it. It is widely considered that elections are nothing less than a gamble; from a layman's point of view, it is true. If you go deeper into the science and psychology of an election, we can find out so many measurable factors and combinations for winning. This is the sole reason why digital and social media are utilised extensively all around the world for elections. The last decade showed us how political parties are employing systematic digital works before elections to control the outcome and all these works are based on how to manipulate the psychology of a voter. HHM research found that there is a natural way to implement at the time of elections and any shortfall in the quantum of rays for a candidate can be artificially supplied. Dr. T P Jayakrishnan said that certain universal rules are existing in this world which when found out can be utilised for day-to-day living situation. For example, there is a natural way to obtain water from the soil by plants through roots. Such a rule exist in humans also, Dr. T P Jayakrishnan affirmed with his usual confident smile stating that it is one of his trade secrets.

Education

According to HHM, each of the seven colours that form VIBGYOR possesses a unique electromagnetic frequency. Each colour, therefore, possesses a particular quantity of energy. Charles Kotsche, author of the book colour medicines talks about how to utilise the subtle energy vibrations similar to those found in the visible spectrum.

The series of scientific experiments by him proves that by matching corresponding wavelengths to the organs and systems of the body, it strengthens or sedates energy in the distressed areas, creating a support system for the healing process. Education, as per HHM, requires green cosmic rays. Without it, students are unable to produce fruitful results. With HHM intervention, the ability of the body to receive a large volume of green light is done through a multi-pronged approach. These steps are easy to practice and take less than 20 seconds of the student's time. As per individual needs, based on the scientific reading by HHM, students are provided with techniques like specific meditations to increase the brain's ability to access the required cosmic rays. As per HHM, education depends upon three stages - Receiving, Storing, Reproducing. Current education system focuses more on receiving only. HHM helps an individual store information and simultaneously reproduce the same whenever required. Unfortunately, many fail to understand this mechanics of education and blame students for poor performance. It is a grave injustice to students, says Dr TPJ.

Harmony in health

HHM has found out the working frequencies of vital organs in the human body through the last three decades of research.

"Stephen Hawking who studied the universe and the stars said that each chemical element absorbs a particular colour of light. He used the presence and absence of certain colours to determine the composition of distant stars," says Dr. Jayakrishnan. Similarly, the human body, he says, is a composition of a particular group of minerals and colours in the body. All chemical elements, even in their subatomic state, are nothing but colour vibrations. The Belarusian-French engineer, scientist, author, and inventor, Georges Lakhovsky, in his study called, The Secret of Life, says all kinds of protein essential for biological functions originate from cosmic light. "His theory resulted in the creation of multiple wave oscillators which were widely used all over Europe to treat many incurable diseases," says Dr. Jayakrishnan. By achieving oscillatory equilibrium of cells in living organisms, harmony in health can be maintained.

***The second hypothesis** says that the first breath of a human being at the time of birth determines the magnitude of the entropic forces acting on the pattern of health at various stages of life*

Green, for example, is a colour associated with one's learning ability. A person who is weak in academics simply means that the composition of green colour in his body is weak. Jayakrishnan provides easy to practice rituals which hardly take a few seconds, along with increasing awareness in the client's consciousness about his daily activities. "Many sceptics think metaphysics is quackery," he says with a disarming smile. To bring a scientific temper into it, Dr. Jayakrishnan and his research team developed or sourced machines that can detect various subtle elements of human existence such as gravity, rotational motion, and frequency. The synergy of these three along with allied individual sub-factors contributes to the makeup of a personality and his universal goals.

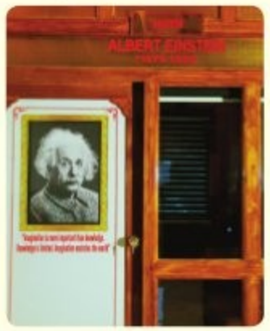
***The third hypothesis** states that the predetermined magnitude of the entropic force acting on the pattern of health at various stages of life is alterable by maintaining the equilibrium of the seven principal colours of light rays*

I found many successful people are not living a complete life. Some of my clients, for instance, have enough money to last 20 generations, yet they feel incomplete inside. I have derived my techniques with which people can experience materialistic happiness

SUBTLE ENERGY FIELD CLUSTER IN PALAT PALACE

Dr. TPJ's three hypotheses point towards the fact that the formation of the human subtle energy field relates to seven cosmic rays. Any imbalance in the receptivity to these cosmic rays creates disharmony in the human subtle energy system. However, as energy can be transformed and transferred, deficiency or excess of such subtle energies can be rectified using appropriate measures. Given this assumption, seven rooms are set in Palat Palace Chalavara, containing seven different types of instruments which supply our subtle energy needs.

1 ALBERT EINSTEIN
Oscillation Management System or OM System



REASON - Einstein said, "Everything is Vibration". The instrument which is kept in the 1st room works on the principle of "frequency transmission" and hence, the present name is given to the 1st room.

The human body-mind-spirit complex is a resonating crystal which can receive and emit varying levels of frequencies in response to the internal and external stimuli. Every part of the human body-mind-spirit complex vibrates at a particular rate. In this system, 'oscillatory disequilibrium' is the natural cause of loss of wellbeing. The frequency generator in this room produces desired frequencies that can realise the state of 'oscillatory equilibrium' for various parts of human body-mind-spirit complex which are under 'oscillatory disequilibrium'. It also produces resonant frequencies that can eliminate energy imbalances due to foreign organisms in the body-mind-spirit complex. Due to the stressed lifestyle, the common man is into, the occurrence of energy imbalances at various levels of the body-mind-spirit complex is quite obvious. If such imbalances remain unattended, it will lead to various noticeable disorders in the body-mind-spirit complex. The OM system in the 1st room helps our body mind spirit complex stay away from noticeable disorders by balancing the subtle energy field.

2 NIKOLA TESLA
LIFE – Letting Incessant Flow of Energy

REASON - To increase human energy, Tesla said "turn all negative force in the right direction and reduce all frictional force" is the best way. Power centres in our body-mind-spirit complex play an important role in succeeding the above task. On this basis, we have developed a system called LIFE which consists of a specially designed bed and seven spiral antennas and it facilitates the incessant flow of energy through our body-mind-spirit complex. Hence, the present name is given to the 2nd room. Balancing Bed contains seven perfect spiral antennas which can increase the flow of natural healing energy.

The antennas are placed in such a way that the distance among them can be adjusted to match exactly with the positions of power centres of different individuals. Besides, Balancing Bed has seven ray emitters fixed at the top to balance power centres in the body-mind-spirit complex using the principles of chromotherapy as the energy level of each power centre corresponds to the energy level of rays in the spectrum VIBGYOR. Thus, it helps balance and align the 7 energy centres of the human body.

3 MAX PLANCK
Energy Analyzer

REASON – We use the term "Power centre" to describe the source of energy patterns that are emitted from a living being. Everything is energy. If you are alive, you are emitting energy. Every atom that you are made up of is emitting an unbelievable number of patterns in what Max Planck perceived to be the empty space between the electrons and the protons.

We are composed of hundreds of trillions of cells, and every one of them emits a considerable amount of energy. The instrument which is kept in the 3rd room mainly used to find out the deviation of the human energy field from the optimal and hence, the present name is given to it. In our body-mind-spirit complex, power centres are considered to be vital energy centres playing a pivotal role in balancing human wellbeing. The spin of these power centres has a great influence on the functioning of various energy fields in the human system.

Kilner (1965) identified an energy field existing close to our physical system, i.e., the human energy field (Aura) and reported that three zones/layers were noticed. Our ancient sacred scriptures suggest the presence of seven energy zones/layers (corresponding to each power centre) close to the human physical system. Among the seven power centres, Crown centre lies at the top and root centre lies at the bottom. Each power centre has its colour and the pattern of colours is similar to that of a visible spectrum of light – Vibgyor.

VIBGYOR

IN the visible spectrum, violet has the shortest wavelength and hence it possesses the highest frequency (highest energy) whereas red has the longest wavelength and hence it possesses the shortest frequency (lowest energy).

It is worth mentioning that, always, all forms of energy flow from a state of higher energy to a state of lower energy. Various sources (unpublished and information obtained through personal communications) suggest that if power centres do not possess adequate energy, it will lead to discomfort and disease to the gland it is associated with it. The device in the 3rd room illustrates the state of a person's power centre balance, stress and energy level. When a scan is taken, the instrument employs very weak painless electrical current applied to the fingertips for less than a millisecond.

The object's response to this stimulus is the formation of electron emission. The electrons emission stimulates gas discharge (glow) that is captured by the video camera and then translated and transmitted back in graphical representations for further analysis.

4 ERWIN SCHRODINGER
Subtle Energy Point Visualizer

REASON - In his important book "What is Life?" published in 1944, he discussed the idea that life feeds on negative entropy. The instrument which is kept in the 4th room works on this principle and hence the present name is given to it. Using a high-voltage pulse generator having an in-built microprocessor management system, acupoints can be visualised.

The device includes a power and control unit, positive and negative active electrodes and two grounding electrodes: one for the individual and another for the operator.

Acupoints with excess energy can be observed using a positive electrode and those with a deficiency can be seen with negative electrodes.

By using this instrument, acupoints having excess energy can be sedated and those having low energy can be stimulated. This process helps maintain adequate energy flow through our meridian system.

5 ERNEST RUTHERFORD
Body-Mind-Spirit Harmony Analyzer

Reason - The instrument which is kept in the 5th room extrapolates the blocks in the meridian channels to the map of body-mind-spirit imbalances. In one way, it resembles "alchemy", i.e., study of how substances are changed into other substances as in the present case, information obtained from meridian channels is changed to useful information about energy imbalances. This is the first instrument of its kind and Ernest Rutherford was the first accomplished alchemist (Converted nitrogen to oxygen). By considering the analogy, the present name is given to the 5th room. Pulse diagnosis is a method which is used to assess the body-mind-spirit balance of an individual. Using a computerised diagnostic complex, pulsographic data will be analysed by mathematical processing and the results will be analysed in terms of body-mind-spirit balance. It shows the energy imbalances that are present in various parts of the body-mind-spirit complex.

6 OTTO LOEWI
Mood Manager

OTTO LOEWI was a German-born pharmacologist and psycho-biologist who discovered the first neurotransmitter in the human biological system. The 6th room has a unique system which combines Audio-Visual Entrainment (AVE) and Cranio-Electro Stimulation (CES) which can be utilised to energise, meditate, brain booster, sleep, feeling better, create happiness, relieve stress and strain and increase focus and concentration.

7 JOHN STEWART BELL
Quantum Entanglement

JOHN STEWART BELL was a physicist from Northern Ireland who proved the theory of Quantum entanglement. This theory claims that even though two entangled particles are far apart, measurement/any action performed on one particle affects the state of other particles. The 7th room has an instrument which can be used to impart different frequencies to nail samples and thus influence the source of nail samples situated at distant places. This is the reason this room has got the above name. This instrument has remote applications which means that the body-mind-spirit complex to which the frequencies must be transferred to need not be in the vicinity of the instrument. Instead, it can be far away from it. By decoding the nature of genetic material of nails, the instrument will direct the frequencies to the source of the nails which is present somewhere on this earth. This is the principle of quantum entanglement.

KATE'S JOURNEY IN SEARCH OF HHM

DR T P JAYAKRISHNAN, the founder of Holistic Human Metaphysics (HHM), has had several personalities of eminence calling on him over the past years. Many of those who come visiting arrive to sit with Dr T P Jayakrishnan to seek advice. Among those who had arrived in recent times was Dr Kate Janik, renowned entrepreneur and co-author of one of Amazon's bestselling books 'The Prosperity Factor'.

Dr Janik visited the Palat Palace, Dr Jayakrishnan's residence at Chalavara, two years ago. She flew in from Greece only to learn the scientific techniques used by Dr Jayakrishnan. She had been looking to understand the world beyond the capacity of the five senses and use the same for all-round prosperity.

According to Dr Kate, Dr. Jayakrishnan is probably the only person in the world who has figured it out. Dr Janik, as a successful leading luxury tourism entrepreneur, developed a strong sense for style and luxury. She hosted dozens of VIP events attended by celebrities and political figures from all around the world. Based on her long term experience, she was able to select the best European natural and purest organic ingredients that have the potential to satisfy the most discriminate taste.

She was thus able to offer a chance to introduce European high-end consumers' culture to the rest of the world. She has published another book with the title "The True Story of the Spiritual Awakening of the Lord Ganesha". An interactive beginner's guide to spirituality, which is an ideal blueprint for older children and adults interested in discovering life beyond our five physical senses. The story was channelled through meditation with a strong focus on Lord Ganesha's energies. It was then fully developed into its final form by Dr. Kate Janik. This is a beautiful adventure story of two 8-year-old boys who decide to leave their homes and walk into a wild Indian jungle in search of proof to a legend. Dr. Janik is the CEO of JK Luxury European Products.

Dr. T P Jayakrishnan with Dr. Kate Janik

FASCINATED BY THE WORLD OF HHM

DR RAHUL RAVEENDRAN NAIR, an eminent research scientist, is an integral part of Holistic Human Metaphysics based research organisation established by Dr T P Jayakrishnan. A PhD holder in Plant Biotechnology, Dr Rahul was awarded a SERB-funded research project under the Young Scientist Scheme to work on the conservation of an endangered tree species Kingiodendron pinnatum found along the Western Ghats.

The results of his research were printed in a journal published by Oxford University Press. At the end of his career at Vignan University, Dr Rahul happened to meet Dr. T P Jayakrishnan at his residence in Chalavara. Rahul says "Dr. T P Jayakrishnan's profound knowledge about the working of this Universe fascinated me." When Dr. T P Jayakrishnan offered him a position to work in his lab, Dr Rahul grabbed the opportunity without a second thought. Since December 2015, Dr Rahul has been engaged in research of various aspects of metaphysics alongside Dr T P Jayakrishnan.

FINDING THE VIBGYOR PATH TO SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS

NEGATIVITY is a word we use a lot these days. We may feel very negative with ourselves or with another person or a situation. Think about it. We tend to be negative when we fail to find answers. We feel chaos, disorder, and lose calm. Thoughts swarm into us, making us irritated. We feel negative. So, isn't negativity actually positive entropy? This is one aspect of many such that concern human health and happiness that is discussed threadbare by Dr T P Jayakrishnan in his new book.

"VIBGYOR – Path to Success and Happiness". He goes on to say that the means to ultimate happiness is right in front of you. "It is simple, colourful and beautiful. All you have to do is walk through it". Yes, this book will be your guide on this incredible journey. The book also discusses the magical element that helped in changing his life. With the help of the simple ways he practised, along with his findings, he turned into a branch of metaphysics called the Holistic Human Metaphysics. The book shares all that it takes to be the best version of one's self. The answers to why things happen as they do, and what we can do about it - you will find it in the pages of this book. Dr. Jayakrishnan affirms that the equilibrium of the seven cosmic light rays must be maintained in every breath to reach one's maximum potential in life.

Another aspect being discussed in the book is about vibrations that exist in the Human Energy Field (HEF). HEF is the energy in a human and surrounding him, which affects and gets affected by the outside environment.

Dr. Jayakrishnan asks what leaves people feel suffocated in the presence of a person. Why does a person command the attention of the whole room immediately when he enters it? It is all because of his HEF variations. People get attracted to less chaotic energy. And chaotic energy is known as entropy. VIBGYOR - Path to Success and Happiness discusses entropy in detail, saying that nature is always inclined towards high entropy as per the second law of thermodynamics.

It thrives in entropy. As it leads to decline, it helps it in the indispensable destruction and creation. But humans understood this path towards chaos and tried to avoid it, as much as possible. Minimising entropy helps in more harmonious living. Think like this, humans are the species with infinite rules, regulations and order.

We have society and social rules. We are not free from those. Being human means living with those norms. Otherwise, we are called animalistic. All this structured lifestyle stems from avoiding entropy, the book explains.

HHM Life Kozhikode office

HHM Life – A Project to take Holistic Human Metaphysics Global

HHM is purely a wellness science which has been developed and proven successful with a track record of more than 35 years benefitting thousands of people in improving their wellness quotient in physical, mental, emotional, economical, social and spiritual planes.

Traditionally HHM practices were made available only in person directly by its inventor Dr. T P Jayakrishnan. His vision is to share the practices of HHM to a global level by going online. Dr. Jayakrishnan believes that all scientific developments shall be for the betterment of humanity and the Mother Nature and shall be made available for the public sans borders. He considers this project as a great leap in the development of the science of HHM by facilitating wellness to millions across the world without any hassles.

Practices of HHM are being delivered through a mobile app and wearable in a highly interactive and responsive manner. Now the customers across the globe can avail themselves of the service of HHM from an AI-powered platform through the HHM Mobile App from their phones. There is no one-size-fits-all approach in HHM! Every customer shall be provided with personalised suggestions and recommendations in the practice of HHM by non-invasive methods in the energisation of major energy centres in the human body.

A global community of HHM practitioners is very active in different parts of the world. The global services are powered through a highly competent technical and customer relationship team based out of Cyber Park, Kozhikode. Establishing HHM Experience Centres in Europe and the US are in the plans for next year.

HHM WORLD: EXPLORING THE BLUE OCEAN OF WELLNESS

INDIA'S stature as a hub of wellness systems has helped in attracting people, who look to explore the unique healing systems offered by the country's medicine streams, from all over the world. An enterprise established in Kerala that has anchored its roots firmly in ancient Indian traditions, and has imbibed scientific techniques to synergise both the worlds in business, is now at the centre stage of providing hitherto unexplored wellness solutions to those who come seeking them. And, this has prompted the industry to focus all attention on the fast-growing enterprise.

HHM World is a futuristic company exploring the potentials of the wellness industry in line with the new normal after the Covid-19 pandemic. The company headquartered at Chalavara in Palakkad district of Kerala, is committed to developing value-added products based on scientific research, which help in enhancing the levels of quality living. The vision behind the organisation dwells on the knowledge system and the way of life explained in Holistic Human Metaphysics (HHM), developed by scholar Dr. T P Jayakrishnan. This system of knowledge envisions the scope of applying scientific thoughts, techniques and tools to unravel the underlying link between ancient Vedic knowledge and concepts of modern science for the sustainable prosperity of mankind.

The team, led by Dr T P Jayakrishnan, Chairman and Managing Director of HHM World, includes scholars and experts in related areas working with commitment and passion.

Dr. Jayakrishnan is supported by Jithin Jayakrishnan, his son and Rajesh Pattath, his son-in-law, both as directors of the company, with their management skills and organisational capabilities in driving growth and success. The biosciences division of the company is engaged in research, training, consultancy and conferences to promote the company's mission in a sustainable manner. The products division is dedicated to the development and marketing of value-added products with a vision of materialising ideas involving the Vedic paradigm of health which has immense importance in the present-day life. HHM PURE, a unique product from the company's stables, has already received acceptance in the market. To nurture research and follow a holistic approach in life, the company has established a charitable trust and functions as a centre of excellence promoting the growth of HHM on a par with global standards in research and education. The foundation has charity programmes among the poor to uplift them socially and economically.

PURE—PANACEA ULTIMATE FOR ROUSING ENERGY

PANACEA ultimate for rousing energy (PURE) is a product designed by HHM, after researching for more than 20 years from Vedic practice called Agnihotra. HHM has created PURE in such a way that it easily blends in with our modern lifestyle. The product PURE contains two components: Panacea ultimate and PURE pyramid.

Panacea ultimate is an intelligent combination of 43 herbs handpicked specifically from different geography at various seasons.

PURE pyramid is an inverted pyramid with intelligent geometric dimension made of copper and brass.

The process of PURE is performed by burning Panacea ultimate in PURE pyramid. The combustion of this 43 herbs liberates energy stored in them to the fullest since it is performed in a copper inverted pyramid. The fumes generated out of this process helps in healing the body and mind beyond the realm of its mechanical or material realm.

The fumes also clean the air and aid wellness. Citing the curious case of a family which used to practise Agnihotra technique saved during the deadly Bhopal disaster in India which killed hundreds, the PURE created by HHM is a more potent and scientifically tested to have tremendous value addition and daily combustion of the same could create a sheath of protection in the area. "As per Vedic science, a pyramidal structure with specific dimensions is capable of amassing cosmic energy from the space and distributing it to the body system through a process," says Jayakrishnan.

Our ancient scholars had enjoyed the healing properties of metal copper by incorporating it in various forms in rituals and also in the form of vessels/utensils for domestic purposes. They believed that copper emits energy and can cure diseases. Recent studies conducted by a group of scientists at Southampton University, UK, confirmed their belief that copper has anti-bacterial and anti-viral properties.

Their studies have shown that copper can bring sudden inactivation of highly infectious noroviruses. This points towards the high potential of copper in mitigating the existence of infectious viruses. The PURE pyramid is made of copper and during the process, it emits energy patterns which can kill infectious pathogens in the atmosphere and thus significantly enhance the potential of the healing smoke. The inverted copper pyramid used in the process is an intelligent dimension to liberate maximum energy, and as per Vedic science, this proportion is called as Kalyani.

Decoding and scientific validation of Vedic procedures to benefit mankind

Timing is important

HEAT increases the rate of vibrations. When an ingredient is burnt, its rate of vibration of subatomic particles constituting the substances will increase and when it starts vibrating at or above the speed of light, pure light energy emits. Since plant-based ingredients are made up of the seven cosmic light rays, combustion releases the vibrations possessed by all the different light rays. The timing is also crucial.

All these volatile substances are subjected to photochemical reactions in the presence of sunlight and form various potentially useful pharmacological compounds.

This is the fundamental scientific reason behind the stringent instructions to perform Agnihotra after sunrise and before sunset. So, the medicinal smoke along with vibrations of the seven cosmic light rays yields superior healing effects. When a person receives these vibrations, no other illness can achieve resonance with the body and thus he is protected from all hazardous vibrations.

Benefits of HHM Pure

It helps in concentration and increases one's learning capacity. The practitioner will have a heightened sense of awareness and thus improve the ability to concentrate on the subject of interest. As per HHM, free radicals in the body cause degeneration of the body and the biochemical mechanism.

With daily practice of PURE, it scavenges free radicals and prevents the origin of any degenerative disorder. It also kills pathogens in the surrounding area and prevents infectious diseases. Respiratory diseases too can be cured by the fumigation. The practice of PURE helps generate neuro-modulators in the brain. This in turn will help enhance memory. According to Jayakrishnan, PURE practitioners can help people recover from chronic alcoholism. The ganglion nerves, which is a group of nerve cell bodies located in the autonomic nervous system and sensory system, activates its 7 points (the 7 energy chakras). The elementary elucidation of the word Yajna ('which means Offerings to Unify with the Creation and then with the Creator') lights up the need for us to get attuned with the nature to lead an expressive and prosperous life. Among the multifarious Yajnas mentioned in Sacred Vedic Scriptures, Agnihotra has been proved to be standalone through intensive scientific investigations as it can be performed and practised for the destined purpose without the accompaniment of ritualistic acts. During the evolution and emergence of later civilisations, the ritualistic ascription of Agnihotra Yajna in the Vedas impeded the transfer of knowledge regarding the potential health benefits of performing Agnihotra to common people, and subsequently, the act of performing it became esoteric.

HHM PURE's brand ambassador Anupam Kher with Jithin Jayakrishnan (L) and Rajesh Pattath

Anupam Kher to endorse HHM PURE

HHM PURE, the Smoke Therapy product from HHM, has signed veteran Hollywood-Bollywood actor Anupam Kher as its brand ambassador. HHM PURE is the result of 20 years of research, and comes incorporating the essence of more than 43 medicinal herbs.

The product owes its wellness-inducing capabilities from a flame lit in a Kalyani lamp (Inverted copper pyramid) invoking the Agnihotra practice. HHM PURE will now be known around the world as the much-celebrated actor would widely endorse the product. Kher, who commands respect in India and overseas, is an actor-par-excellence and has also served many roles including being the chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune. HHM PURE has been fortunate enough to have roped in Anupam Kher as the brand ambassador, as he is a staunch believer in the wellness ideas that have its roots in the age-old Indian traditions.

HHM PURE's method of combining new age scientific know-how with the age-old traditions of wellness comes as a grand idea towards cementing India's place in the wellness map of the world, Anupam Kher said.

ADDING MORE VALUE TO THE VEDIC TRADITION

The inside view of the lab in Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu

Dr. Jayakrishnan and his team of researchers carried out extensive investigations into the occult science of Agnihotra to make it accessible to society. HHM has carried out 20 years of dedicated research and as a result, scientifically proven the effect of a sacred blend of 43 natural elements. HHM has taken an effort to increase the value of traditional Agnihotra by incorporating unique natural elements that are highly beneficial for man and his environment.

VALUE ADDITION IS ALLOWED IN VEDAS

ONE of the Upanishads, Jaiminiya-Brahmana, has a very interesting conversation between King Janaka of Videha and Sage Yagnavalkya. Jaiminīya Upanishad Brāhmana belongs to Jaimini Śākhā of Sāmaveda. It is also known by the name 'Talavakāra Āranyaka' or Jaiminīya Talvakāra Upanishad Brāhmana.

Chapter 1, verse 19, discusses what are the materials that can be offered to the Vedic fire. In the conversation, the King negates the existence of a material when the sage says that a particular element can be added. The conversation finally ends with the sage proclaiming: "The Truth can be offered in the sacrificial fire." "By truth, it means scientific validation as well," says Jayakrishnan. "Our 20 years of research is based on this idea," he adds. "We have harnessed the benefits of performing Agnihotra Yajna thanks to our understanding of two domains of science: Cosmic Energy and Smoke Therapy.

Tasya Ye Rasmayo Viprah Sarvaloka pradipakah Tesam Sresthah Punah Saptarasmayo Graha yonayah || Kurma Purana 3:2 Meaning: "The rays that compose His body are omnipresent and always illuminate the limitless universe. Among them, seven are the best and the highest as they manifest the matrices of the seven Grahas."

Dr. T P Jayakrishnan's daughter Jisha Rajesh (Co-founder and Director) and daughter-in-law Durga Jithin (Co-founder and director)

Dr. T P Jayakrishnan's wife Usha Jayakrishnan (Co-founder and Director), daughter and daughter-in-law during a discussion

Smoke therapy

THE medicinal smoke emanating from natural substances has been used for treating various diseases since the Vedic era. The Yogis in the Saraswati – Indus civilization (7500 BC) used to perform Agnihotra Yajna by offering various natural substances to the fire with the accompaniment of mantras to purify man and his environment.

HHM PURE: A celestial mix made by Chalavara's womenfolk

PURE, short for Panacea Ultimate for Rousing Energy, is what has been luring the world's attention to Dr. T P Jayakrishnan's Kerala-based venture, Holistic Human Metaphysics (HHM). A unique combination of 43 rare herbs handpicked from nature forms the panacea dubbed to hold within itself the power to help individuals explore the potential of complete health. And, behind the celestial mix are a group of dedicated women. HHM engages only women for producing PURE. The mix cannot be produced using a machine, as the precision envisaged by HHM for PURE cannot be fulfilled by a machine.

The story is that Dr. T P Jayakrishnan handed over the secret of PURE to his daughter Jisha Jayakrishnan and daughter-in-law Durga Jithin. They, in turn, got together a group of women in the village of Chalavara, to put in all their passion and expertise in producing PURE in its current form. The work continues as a form of meditation by the womenfolk of Chalavara. Dr. Jayakrishnan's wife Usha Jayakrishnan is also a strong presence and guiding force in the production process. Chalavara is a remote village in Palakkad district, which is also the native place of Dr. Jayakrishnan. The purity of the village and natural care by these women make the product unique. This initiative is also a wonderful example of women empowerment. In each project of HHM, Dr. Jayakrishnan includes the people of his village. To him, the whole village is his family.

A VISIONARY HOLDING HIS FAMILY CLOSE

Dr. T P Jayakrishnan with his wife Usha Jayakrishnan

A busy personality, Dr. T P Jayakrishnan always finds time for his family

Dedicated his life to science and human wellness, Dr. T P Jayakrishnan on his way to his office

Dr. T P Jayakrishnan with his mother Ambujakshi Amma, who has always been his inspiration

Palat Palace

AT FULL THROTTLE

A father-son duo with a penchant for collecting premium brand of cars having a global brand recall. Jayakrishnan and Jithin are these two hugely privileged individuals sharing the same adrenaline-pumping passion.

"My grandmother used to tell me when my father was just three, his first wish was to own a car," says Jithin. The duo, along with his son-in-law Rajesh Pattath, is interested in the design quotient, engineering and art side of automobiles. The prized collection includes uber-luxury cars ranging from Mercedes-Maybach to the latest BMW 8 series. While Jayakrishnan prefers chauffeur-driven cars Jithin goes for self-drive cars.

INETSCREEN OTT platform

JITHIN JAYAKRISHNAN and Rajesh Pattath serve as the directors of the OTT platform iNetScreen which was built to spread awareness about Holistic Human Metaphysics and several other esoteric branches of science. The company headquartered in Dubai has filmmaker Sreekumar Krishnan Nair at the helm. Nair is best known for directing *O' Faby* India's first live-action/animation hybrid feature film. The streaming platform is currently in its beta development stage, thus streaming only movies and cultural programmes. Once the platform is stable enough, it will start streaming masterclasses on science and philosophy along with entertainment content. Initially intended for the Malayali audience based in Gulf countries, iNetScreen is now being developed as a worldwide platform.

HHM VILLAGE

HHM Village is a special project where all the 50 mud house villas will be constructed by a special Tribal community who resides at Marayoor in Idukki in Kerala. They are the last generation of the tribal group who are well versed in this type of construction. The surroundings of HHM village can make one to delve in nature. It follows the true concept of HHM--coexist with nature. HHM believes that a person's health and well-being is depended on one's coexistence with nature. When we are close to nature the flow of entropy is less in the body. The construction method of the mud houses is unique and a UNESCO-recognised construction method. The HHM Village project will also generate employment opportunity for the Tribal group. The construction of the houses will begin on November 1, 2020.

ON A NOBLE MISSION FOR MANKIND'S UPLIFT

DR. T P JAYAKRISHNAN, founder of Holistic Human Metaphysics, is the perfect blend of hard work and determination. After stumbling on the world of metaphysics, he has shaped a new path for attaining human wellness, wealth and happiness.

According to him, helping the needy is not charity; rather it is the social and moral obligation of every individual. For the past five years, over 200 deserving households in his native village have been receiving a ₹1,000 pension from Jayakrishnan as part of the efforts to better their lives. The philanthropist in him is also providing financial help to over 50 deserving kids from his village to pursue higher education. For Dr Jayakrishnan, reaching out to the needy is a passion. Vouching for this, son Jithin said his father will never hesitate to help someone out if he is convinced that it will better the person's lot.

Dr. T P Jayakrishnan distributing pension to senior citizens at Guruvayur in Thrissur

A patron of music

JITHIN says his father has been attracted to music and Mohana raga of Carnatic music is his favourite one. Last year, a pancharimelam concert organised by Dr. Jayakrishnan at Mookambika featured 100 eminent artists led by maestro Peruvanam Kuttan Marar.

Dr. T P Jayakrishnan honouring pancharimelam maestro Peruvanam Kuttan Marar at Mookambika

This year, due to the Covid outbreak, most of the temple artists are facing financial crisis. Following the cancellation of major temple festivals in Kerala, it has been difficult for artists to make ends meet. To help them, Dr Jayakrishnan has decided to give a one-time pension of ₹5,000 to 25,000 to almost 250 temple artists. A part of his income is set apart for paying pension, scholarship and other donations for the needy.

A state-of-the-art library

Dr. Jayakrishnan believes that the younger generation is way smarter and sharp and will hopefully take the country towards a new horizon. His aim is to develop the world's largest home library, which can withstand natural calamities. Scholars and researchers will be able to access the state-of-the-art library freely.

HHM meditation hall

It is a special room designed in such a way that it can automatically generate oxytocin, a neurotransmitter. Anyone entering the room will experience peace of mind and solace.

Astronomical station

Dr. Jayakrishnan has plans to expand his astronomical station using the latest telescopes. It will be a centre for students to learn about astronomy beyond textbooks. Dr.TPJ has taken steps to build a world-class observatory solely using Takahashi Seisakusho (Japan) professional telescopes.

Antiviral room

During the current pandemic situation, the necessity of an antiviral room struck Dr Jayakrishnan. Keeping his family members and staff safe, an antiviral room will be constructed inside the Palat Palace.

The first-of-its-kind in India, the room will be a model for survival from pandemics in future. The room will have three zones -- Red, orange and green. As soon as one emerges from the green zone he/she will be free of viruses. The room is designed by architects from Italy and Kerala.

'GET ACCLIMATISED TO NEW NORMAL'

OUR planet is going through its most testing times in over a century. We at HHM dedicate our prayers to the people who have lost their lives in this pandemic battle. But the old saying goes "When the going gets tough, the tough get going". History proves this! Our civilisation which has survived such horrifyingly tragic situations in the past has eventually come out stronger, faster and smarter. We certainly have a great era ahead of us, to be part of history. We ought to think about the positives that happened during these gruelling months. There has been a substantial reduction in global pollution index, global mortality etc. Most importantly, we have realised the value of family time. Our bonds with dear ones have undoubtedly strengthened.

It is best to consider this phase as a reboot in our lives. Also whenever life seems unfair in the post-pandemic years, look back into this period. Get quickly acclimatised to the new normal, as we have a long journey ahead. Let the worst memories of this pandemic never haunt you in future. Think smart and invest wise (both time and health) as you are witnessing a change in everything including the world order. Be aware and adapt to these sudden changes because our ancestors have taught us that awareness is strength, awareness is survival and awareness is God.

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